



Environmental Impact Statement



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Scoping Comment for the Proposed Canadian National Railway Company Acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company

STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Comment Form

How Do I Submit Comments?

- **Written Comments:** Complete and submit this form at the public open house scoping meeting, or follow the directions on the reverse side of this sheet to mail your comments.
- **Recorded Comments:** Provide your comments to a member of the project team or court reporter at this public open house scoping meeting, or call the toll-free project information line: 1-800-347-0689.
- **Electronic Comments:** Submit electronic comments by visiting the Surface Transportation Board's website, www.stb.dot.gov, under the heading "E-Filing."

Please refer to STB Finance Docket No. 35087 in all correspondence addressed to the Surface Transportation Board. Comments must be submitted by February 1, 2008.

The proposed acquisition worries us greatly, for several reasons:

1- the obvious and irreversible decline of the semi-rural environment and beautiful countryside around Barrington

2- the inevitable increase of traffic back-ups at level crossings, especially those over Lake-Cook Road and Hough Street

3- the proximity of 2 intersecting rail lines and complexity of keeping commuter trains safe from possible collisions with freight carrying trains

4- The additional time it will probably take for emergency vehicles to get where they are needed (in particular if their destination is one of our community schools

5- Increase in fatalities to pedestrians

6- The negative impact on property values. For many residents our residence is our single biggest asset, one which we have taken care of for decades, and vigilantly protected, paying ever higher taxes to preserve the educational and recreational quality of our town.

This last point raises the question, Why are railroad entrepreneurs allowed to make a profit at the expense of ordinary citizens, who have worked for years to enhance the value of their investment in a home?

We treasure the overall character of our community and see this potential acquisition as a grave threat to the natural beauty, safety, lifestyle, and economic stability of Barrington.

What scoping meeting did you attend? (Please circle): Mundelein, Barrington, Joliet, Matteson, Gary, West Chicago, Chicago.

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YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT!

Comments provided by the public help determine the scope of the environmental review.