

September 20, 2008

Phillis Johnson-Ball
STB Finance Docket No. 35087
395 E. Street SW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Dear Phillis Johnson-Ball,

SUBJECT: CN ACQUISITION OF THE EJ&E RAILROAD

While I am in favor of using the rail system as a method of transporting people and goods across our great nation, I currently oppose the acquisition of the EJ&E West Company by the Canadian National Railway Corporation. I understand that using the rail system decreases the numbers of cars and trucks on our streets and highways. However, for the rail system to be effective in its contribution to our transportation system it must be operated in an environmentally friendly manner and positively support the community. I fear that if the Canadian National Railway Corporation acquires the EJ&E railway, the impact will damage our environment and negatively impact our community.

First, the increase of rail traffic through our community will negatively impact our road system. The communities that surround the EJ&E railway are some of the fastest growing communities in our state, we already suffer from a congested road system and additional long trains would further disrupt the system. In my community, many of the roads that cross the tracks are at grade level. This stops vehicle traffic and increases noise pollution, as trains are required to blow their horns at crossings. Second, it has been the goal of surrounding communities to use the EJ&E line for commuter purposes. It is my understanding that the line is heavily used for freight traffic; it will not support commuter traffic.

I would like to thank you for hearing my arguments. I do hope that a solution that would benefit Canadian National Railway and our communities can be worked out.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John D Kufer Jr', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

John D Kufer Jr