

September 12, 2008

Phillis Johnson-Ball
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

Ref: STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball:

As a resident of New Lenox, IL, a community that will be negatively impacted with the increased number of trains being proposed with the purchase of the EJ&E railroad by the CN railroad, I would like to express my concerns. I understand that the number of trains may exceed 30 trains in the future and that these trains may extend 3 miles in length causing over 20 minute crossing delays.

I strongly believe that this would be taking the problem from the northern suburbs and shifting it to the southwestern suburbs. This is not a solution to the problem. Other alternatives must be investigated. I have listed few of the key points showing how the CN sale would have a negative impact on our communities.

- *Increase the response time of emergency response vehicles (Police, Fire, Ambulance, etc.). Voice concerns about safety, and concerns for delays in response time, delay in getting to the hospital, etc.
- *Our roads are not set to handle the (congestion would be shifted to Lagrange)
- *Vibrations would damage structures close to the tracks /sound issues
- *Increase the number train accidents involving persons/cars
- *Damage our ability to get the kids to school (bussing system, parents dropping kids off at school)
- *Increased pollution (diesel emissions, idling vehicles caught in traffic, sound from the trains, etc.)
- * Extended commute times for North bound traffic

In an effort to try and counter the negative effects of the CN railroad, our community would be forced to make an endless amount of upgrades and changes to our community infrastructure. We do not have the money, nor do we have the resources to overcome these challenges. If this transaction is allowed, the quality of life for the hundreds of thousands of residents of Will County will be negatively impacted.

Please take my concerns into consideration when you make your recommendation and vote no to the CN.

Sincerely,



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