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Attention: **Phyllis Johnson-Ball**
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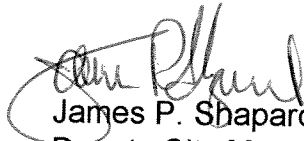
Good Morning:

Pursuant to the December 31, 2007 letter from Victoria Rutson, Chief, Section of Environmental Analysis, the following comments are submitted regarding the scoping of the Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed Canadian National Railway acquisition of the Elgin Joliet and Eastern Railway Company.

1. Paragraph 2 (Transportation Systems) subparagraph E provides that estimates of typical delays at grade crossings will be made for crossings that have vehicle traffic levels of 2,500 ADT or more...the City of Joliet respectfully requests that this number (2,500) be reduced to 2,000. This will allow the City's Woodruff Road crossing to be studied (ADT 2,127) along with four other crossings in the City of Joliet with ADT's ranging from 10,297 to 2,624.
2. In paragraph 6 (Noise and Vibration) subparagraph B refers to an increase to a noise level of 65 decibels or greater. It is requested that not only the noise level be considered, but the number of occasions when significant noise levels will be experienced. Not only should the level of disturbance be considered but the number of times each day that persons are disturbed should also be considered.
3. The City of Joliet concurs with the Chicago Metropolitan Area Planning Commission (CMAP's) comment regarding STB oversight. The "foreseeable future" of three to five years beyond STB approval should be extended indefinitely.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft Environmental Impact Study. The City of Joliet will be pleased to provide any additional information needed and to do whatever is necessary to facilitate the completion of the EIS.

Sincerely,



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