

Honorable Phillis Johnson-Ball
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423
Ref: STB Finance Docket No. 35087

September 26, 2008

Subject: Canadian National Railway Company and Grand Trunk Corporation -
Control-EJ & E West Company acquisition

Dear Honorable Phillis Johnson-Ball:

I am writing this letter in regards to the proposed acquisition of the EJ&E Railway by the Canadian National Railway. As a long time resident of Frankfort I have many concerns re: the Environmental Impact Study that relates to this acquisition. One of my main concerns is that First Responder Emergency Services will be greatly impeded. A delay as a result of ambulances or fire equipment at a crossing leads to a greatly reduced chance of survival. This would be especially true in my case where emergency equipment must pass the crossing at Harlem Avenue in Frankfort to serve our needs. My wife and I both have health issues and in the past were in need of this emergency equipment to save our lives.

Additionally, because we live 100 feet from these tracks the impact of poisonous chemicals, radioactive substances, explosives and other high-risk materials that would pass in close proximity put us at a greater health risk.

I would like to seriously ask that you please make considerations re: my concerns and that the proper decisions are made to address them. Thank you kindly for all understanding of these issues and that proper steps are taken to deny the sale of the E J & E Railroad to the Canadian National Railroad.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Charles Vander Velde', written in a cursive style.

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