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Thank you for sending me the Draft Docket No 33407. That Railroad has been operating here since 1865 and we desperately need it to continue. all through the 40's + 50's the trains came through Rosson + Rochester at 40 to 50 miles + hour. The Minn 400 come even faster. Everybody knew about the trains. Nobody rejected them. Everybody watched out for them. We were taught to stop, look + listen. we were responsible for ourselves. why should it be any different now? I don't need Big Brother Government to look after me. that is why we need the trains blowing the whistle. I would be very uncomfortable driving around town not knowing if there was a train coming if I couldn't hear a whistle. It may be unnecessary to blow the whistle continually through town and maybe after Midnight concern should be taken not to blow as much as in the Day time so as to protect people sleeping. But I would say we need to know by the Horn that the train is here.

as far as the vibration is concerned I have no comment except to say that it is insignificant. The Mayo Clinic runs all kinds of construction machinery, jackhammers right outside their door in the streets if they need to and never complain about that. they are just trying to trump up a excuse for you to consider. I would say ignore it.

I have lived coming to Rochester all my life since the 1930's. I was born there + have been treated there together with my family all our life. the Clinic never complained about all the expended construction noise they have created in all those 70 years.

Do they have nothing to complain about now. The train brought most of their ~~customers~~ during all those years till the middle 60's.

As for the Coal, my comment would be that I would think it would be a improvement for Rochester to be burning low sulfur Coal in the future. Is that not supposed to be cleaner burning Coal? Rochester needs Coal for its municipal Power plant. If they can't get it by rail then we will have more semi trailer trucks on highway 14 & we don't need that.

Therefore as a farmer who has retired from active farming & renting my farm out to younger people who needs the rail to ship their Corn & soybeans to the river and as a Concerned Citizen who has lived for 75 years around this rail road I feel we need it & want to see it continue.
Thank you.

Sincerely
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