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Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Canadian National Railway Company Acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company

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Metra has indicated it was planning commuter service on the single track B and E line. This service would help the economic future of the greater Chicago area by providing workers access to many more job opportunities.

FURTHER, IT WOULD PROVIDE AN ALTERNATIVE TO PEOPLE WHO PRESENTLY MUST RELY ON THEIR AUTO FOR SOME TRIPS THUS REDUCING GASOLINE CONSUMPTION. THE SCALE OF THE SINGLE TRACK B & J AND B WITH CANADIAN NATIONAL'S PLANNED GREAT INCREASE IN FREIGHT TRAFFIC WOULD PRECLUDE THE OPERATION OF ANY SCHEDULED COMMUTER SERVICE. THE NEEDS OF THE AREA SHOULD RECEIVE PRIORITY OVER A FOREIGN COMPANY'S PLANS.

FURTHER, THE FREIGHT TRAIN SPEEDS ON THE BJD & LINE ARE MUCH, MUCH SLOWER THAN THE SPEEDS OF THE FREIGHT TRAINS RUNNING THROUGH THE CHICAGO SUBURBS ON THE BNSF LINES. THIS MEANS MUCH LONGER DELAYS TO MOTORISTS AT ALL THE BJD & GRADE CROSSINGS. SHOULD THE SALT BE APPROVED, THE CN SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO PAY IN FULL FOR GRADE SEPARATIONS AT THE MANY HEAVY TRAFFIC VOLUMED CROSSINGS AS WELL AS AT OTHER CRITICAL CROSSINGS.

IN CLOSING, I DON'T UNDERSTAND PLACING THE DESIRES OF A FOREIGN COMPANY BEFORE THOSE OF OUR COUNTRY'S CITIZENS.

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