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Surface Transportation Board
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Ref. STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Mrs Johnson-Ball,

The following is a comment opposing the Canadian National acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern.

The first reason I am opposed to STB approval of the CN acquisition of the EJE is the insufficient number of grade separations planned between the railroad and public roads, and the insufficient Canadian National funding of the few grade separations that are proposed. If heavily used as forecast the EJE needs to be fully grade separated like the Alameda Corridor connecting Long Beach and Los Angeles, CA.

The second reason I am opposed is because this transaction gives the Canadian National primary control of railroad right-of-way that needs to be made available to all railroads in the Chicago Metro area. The EJE needs to be combined with the CREATE project, and the whole fully funded like the Alameda Corridor connecting Long Beach and Los Angeles, CA, to create a proper balance of public and private benefits.

I am a professional in the transportation industry, and I appreciate your registering my comments for the STB.

Best Regards,



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