

September 17, 2008

Phillis Johnson-Bell
STB Finance Docket #35087
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington DC , 20423-0001

Dear Phillis and STB,

I am writing in concern of docket# 35087. The Canadian National is trying to purchase the existing EJ&E railroad tracks that run north and south through West Chicago and the surrounding communities in my area.

I have huge concerns about the ability of our area to handle the increase in train traffic that I have been told could be 24 trains per day. I live about 1 mile from the tracks and have to drive over them each day. At two of the points I drive over the tracks, there are not safety gates.

Besides my concerns for safety in getting over the tracks, I am also very concerned about what the trains will be carrying through our community. There is a lot of forest preserve around are areas and therefore, wildlife and natural areas.

The traffic back ups in our area will have huge impacts as all but one route to go east from my subdivision go over the tracks. My children's school is less than ½ mile from the tracks and the traffic is bad enough now. I am wondering who will pay for all of the traffic changes that will be needed with bridges and safety gates in the future? Because of the forest preserves, there aren't many road options to take and I am sure we don't want to take away from these natural reserves to build more roads with bridges over the tracks.

I hope that you will save our community and not allow the sale of these tracks to Canadian National!

Sincerely,



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