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

STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Date: Sept, 25, 2008

Comments must be submitted by September 30, 2008.

As a resident of Lake Zurich, Illinois for 58 years, I would like to state my strong opposition to the Canadian National Rail Road's acquisition of the E J & E Railroad currently pending an environmental review by the U.S. Surface Transportation Board in Washington, D.C.

The Village President of Lake Zurich and the Board of Trustees have gone on record opposing the transaction, and I as a resident taxpayer strongly oppose this acquisition.

My specific reason is SAFETY -

Recently, and based on current train frequency, three separate accidents occurred in our area involving the death of children. Although the railroad may not be at fault, greater train frequency will increase the probability of additional accidents.

* Community School District 95 busses cross the Villages at-grade crossings 233 times a day

- * Lake Zurich High School & May Whitney Grade School directly abut the tracks.
- * Many School District 85 classrooms & children are within a few hundred yards of the tracks.

I would encourage the STB to REJECT the Canadian National Railroad acquisition.

YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT!

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