

September 22, 2008

Phillis Johnson-Ball
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

Ref: STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball:

I am a resident of New Lenox, Illinois, a community that will be negatively affected by the increased number of trains going through New Lenox and adjoining communities due to the proposed EJ&E railroad allowing the CN railroad to use the same tracks. Our community has had a tremendous growth in the last 10 years and the majority of it has been south of the tracks. If this purchase goes into effect all our services, police, fire, school buses and hospital services will be negatively affected. All traffic will have a difficulty time getting to all those people if stopped by the train. With the number of trains estimated at 30 a day and extending 3 miles in length, we the people will definitely be at risk.

Please take my concerns into consideration when you make your recommendation and vote NO to the CN.

Thank you,

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