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Phillis Johnson-Ball: RE: CN acquisition of EJ&E I would like to express my concern over the CN's request to use EJE rasils as a railway bypass. The significant suburban traffic that we are already experiencing in this region would only be further impacted with the approval of this acquisition. Additionally, the wait time at crossings not only would impact the region's residents from a time stand point but also possesses a saftety issue in that delays for emergency response would assitionall be impacted. There is already an increase in rail traffic with the growth at Centerpoint. This move would even further compound the problems. Recently, I waited a a railcrossing for a train for 10 minutes, however, as soon as that train cleared another train -ZOOMED!_ in from the opposite direction. Thus we waited an additional 4 minutes. The scary part of this entire experience was that the first car in line, becoming impatitne after waiting for the first train, and not having the gates rise, began to pull into the opposite lane to go around the gate- fortunately the car did not progress far enough to encounter the next train that came through. I believe that this community would greatly suffer from allowing CN to proceed. Please remember us when considering all the factors. Thank you.