

**Ms. Victoria Rutson
Chief, Section of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423-0001**

RE: Docket #35087, CN Purchase of the EJ&E

Dear Ms. Rutson:

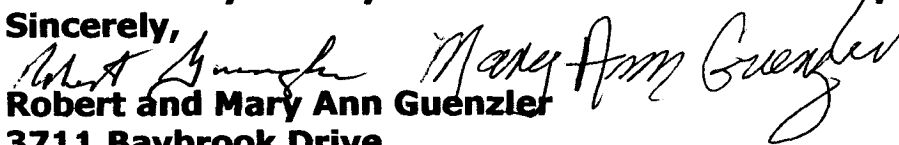
As residents of Aurora, a community that will be greatly harmed by the number of freight trains that would operate through the region if Canadian National Railway (CN) is allowed to purchase the E&E rail line, we urge you to do everything in your power to ensure that the interests of the residents of our region are protected against the negative impacts of this acquisition.

It is our understanding that the Draft Environmental Impact Study (DEIS) on this transaction will be released shortly. This document will let the region know what we can expect in the way of public protection from your agency. We are very concerned that our community will be facing significant issues related to public safety, environment, traffic gridlock, emergency response time, and economic losses if this acquisition is approved. None of these issues are being adequately dealt with by the CN, which is why we are asking you to fully address these issues in the EIS.

On a personal note, we are both in our mid seventies and have recently experienced the need for emergency transportation from our home to the Rush Copley Medical Center which is ten minutes from our residence. Access from our home to this facility is only by either one of two grade level crossings of the EJ&E rail line. The Aurora Police and Fire Departments are most efficient. However, we fear that if the CN acquisition is allowed, the safety of all in our area will be greatly compromised.

Thank you for your consideration to our request.

Sincerely,


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7/24/08**