

September 17, 2008

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

Ref: STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball:

As a resident of New Lenox, IL, a community that will be negatively impacted with the increased number of trains being proposed with the purchase of the EJ&E railroad by the CN railroad, I would like to express my concerns. I understand that the number of trains may exceed 30 trains in the future and that these trains may extend 3 miles in length causing over 20 minute crossing delays.

I strongly believe that this is detrimental to our neighborhood. First of all, if there is congestion already in Cook County, what do you think it will do to Will County? Also, I live south of the railroad tracks. While we have a fire house on this side, there is NO nearby hospital south of the tracks. The paramedics could answer our call but will not be able to take us to the hospital if the tracks are constantly blocked. And third, -TAXES!!! Need I say more on that?

ALSO--

- *Our roads are not set to handle the congestion
- *Vibrations would damage structures close to the tracks /sound issues
- *Increase the number train accidents involving persons/cars
- *Damage our ability to get kids to school (bussing system, parents dropping kids off)
- *Increased pollution (diesel emissions, idling vehicles caught in traffic, noise pollution
- * Extended commute times for North bound traffic getting to Metra and other places

In an effort to try and counter the negative effects of the CN railroad, our community would be forced to make an endless amount of upgrades and changes to our community infrastructure. We do not have the money, nor do we have the resources to overcome these challenges. If this transaction is allowed, the quality of life for the hundreds of thousands of residents of Will County will be negatively impacted.

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

Sincerely,


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