

Comment Form

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: 9-9-08

Comments must be submitted by September 30, 2008.

In regards to STB Finance Docket # 35087, I find it very disappointing and misleading that the Canadian National Railway Company did NOT include major hospitals and schools as impacted in their report. Rush-Croft Hospital is approximately 1.5 miles from the EJE Railroad Track on Ogden Ave. The report (verified by the STB) does not include how emergency vehicles will be impacted. Also Waukenaie Valley High School (located on Ogden Ave) was not included as affected nor was the new high school (Metz Valley - opening Sept 2009) included as affected by the train crossing on Liberty Avenue. This is just the tip of the community ~ How many other communities have had issues overlooked or blatantly ignored as the STB, CNRC, & EJE did not realize, anticipate, or care that this merger affects everyone. It should not be about money, but about community, safety, and quality of living.

How many more acres are going to be ignored and then impacted by this merger. How many lives will be lost due to chemicals being spilled, trains affecting crossings where emergency vehicles can't get through and a local one dies enroute to the hospital. How many students' educations will be affected as the students will arrive late to school due to lengthy, behind schedule or stuck trains. What will be the final economic, socioeconomic, and environmental impact due to these trains. And finally can you in good conscious want to live in this community where you go late to work, your child is late to school and the Fire Dept can't get to your house for emergencies? You can't get emergency care due to the trains. Thank you

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