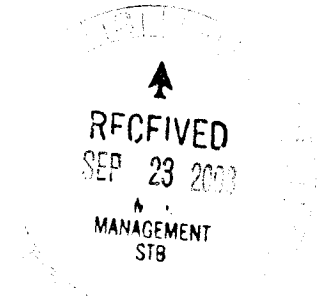


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The Honorable Phillis Johnson-Ball
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RE: Docket #35087

Canadian National Railway Company and Grand Trunk Corporation- Control-EJ & E West Company

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

I am a resident of Frankfort, Illinois of which my family and neighbors will be impacted by the CN purchase of EJ&E Railroad. Our safety, commute times, home values and the quality of life here are all number one on my list of concerns that this sale will effect.

This does not just impact Frankfort residents', it impacts all our neighboring communities. I am aware that CN wants to relieve congestion in the inner suburbs of Chicago, the proposed purchase of the EJ&E rail line just moves an existing problem to Chicago's outer suburbs, which are less equipped to handle the proposed volume of traffic. The EJ&E rail line is a regional rail line and does not have the infrastructure in place to support 28 trains or more a day that will be 2 miles long compared to the 6 trains a day that are a quarter mile long. This is a 400% increase in rail traffic. Canadian National, a foreign for profit company, wants to run this type of volume on the EJ&E rail line and only pay \$40 million of the \$1 billion of needed improvements to support this type of rail traffic. I can't believe our government would allow this to happen. This should not be allowed.

The rail car volume proposed by CN will lead to increased traffic congestion in the outer suburbs impacting commute times, economic growth, as well as having an environmental impact from increased vehicle emissions. It also poses a grave danger to public safety since emergency responders will be severely delayed to reach residents. The transportation of hazardous materials through highly populated communities has yet to be addressed by Canadian National.

I greatly appreciate your support when making your final decision.

Respectfully,

Kevin Wiltgen