

Phillis Johnson - Bail
 STB Finance Docket No. 35087
 Surface Transportation Board
 395 E Street S.W.
 Washington, DC. 20423-0001

Howard Torkelson
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Dear Sir;

I am 78 yrs old. For 65 yrs I have lived within 1/2 mile or less from the E J + E Railway in Will County, Ill.

I am opposed to the pending sale of the E J + E Railway Company to the Canadian National Railway because I do not believe a foreign country should own and control such a large part of our Railway system. The increased traffic would be very detrimental to communities along the railway route, as most crossings are at grade crossings.

The proposed future suburban commuter transit line on and along the E J + E line would be in jeopardy because of the increased traffic on the railway line.

The 16 residences at Bethesda Lutheran Home 14907 Eastern Ave. Plainfield, Ill. would suffer much more from the noise as they are near the track.

Yours Truly
 Howard Torkelson