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Phillis Johnson-Ball  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 E Street Southwest  
Washington, D.C. 20423

Ref:STB Finance Docket No. 35087

September 30, 2008

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball,

We are writing to protest the attempt by Canadian National Railway to purchase the EJ&E Railroad. If CN succeeds in this venture, our community will have an increase in trains from 6 per day to 28 per day. The EJ&E rails cross all 5 main north-south roads in New Lenox. The predictions are that the traffic will not necessarily recover between trains virtually cutting the town in two! The only feasible way that the train traffic could increase without impact to the community is if overpasses are built over the rail lines. There is minimal money committed by CN to crossing improvements, \$4,000,000 total, which is no where near the amount needed for the 5 crossings in New Lenox, much less for our neighboring towns of Frankfort, Mokena, Joliet and Plainfield. The only party who will benefit from this deal is a FOREIGN COUNTRY! America should not suffer for the benefit of big business, especially if the profit is going out of the country! Our lives in small-town-America should be important to the Surface Transportation Board so please consider preventing the purchase of EJ&E by Canadian National or else insist that overpasses become a mandatory part of the agreement.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel and Victoria Dieska".

Daniel and Victoria Dieska