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Phillis Johnson-Ball  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 E Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20423  
Ref: STB Finance Docket No. 35087

**RE: Canadian National Railway Company and Grand Trunk Corporation-Control-  
EJ&E West Company (STB Finance Docket No. 35087)**

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball:

I've been a resident of Warrenville, IL for the past 23 years and I'm concerned about the proposed purchase of the EJ&E Railroad by the Canadian National Railway.

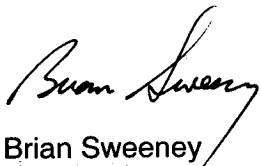
Canadian National will sharply increase in the number of freight trains using the tracks. I live near the EJ&E tracks. My family is frequent users of Summerlakes Park, which is adjacent to the tracks. The increased rail traffic will sharply increase the amount of noise and vibration my family lives with daily. The EJ&E tracks are also near my place of employment, so the travel time to and from work for my co-workers and I will be impacted.

Based on my experience, the typical (almost exclusive) cargo currently being transported by the EJ&E is coal. Fortunately, there's not been a rail accident. The increased traffic will also increase the chances for an accident. Will Canadian National transport hazardous material? If so, then the risk becomes too great given the number of homes, parks and schools that are near the tracks.

Finally, I'm concerned about the impact the Canadian National purchase would have on a proposed commuter line that would use the tracks. Since my home and work are both near the tracks, I'd be a prime candidate to use a commuter train. Then, my family would need only one car, which would result in all kinds of savings.

I am opposed to the sale because of these concerns. I ask that the Surface Transportation Board considers the impact when doing its evaluation. Feel free to contact me via telephone at (630) 393-1859 if you need additional information.

Sincerely,



Brian Sweeney

Cc: Bill Foster, U.S. Representative – 27 North River Street, Batavia, IL 60510