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Message: PLEASE APPROVE THE PROPOSED CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY(CN)
PURCHASE OF ELGIN, JOLIET & EASTERN RAILWAY(EJ&E). PLEASE SEE THE
ENCLOSED ATTACHMENT.
THANKS.

From,

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To,

Mr. Phillis Johnson-Ball,
Surface Transportation Board,
395 E Street,
SW, Washington DC 20423

Dear Sir

Sub: Attention: Environmental Filing, STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Please approve the proposed CN Transaction [Canadian National Railway (CN) purchase of Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway (EJ&E)] as soon as possible because.

- The proposal will result in substantial transportation, environmental and economic benefits to the region and the nation by allowing CN freight trains to move more efficiently through the Chicago area.
- The proposal will result in significant improvements to our safety and quality of life in Buffalo Grove by reducing freight traffic at crossings, reducing the risk of accidents and decreasing noise.
- The proposal will result in substantially less traffic congestion and delays at grade crossings across the region-including those at Deerfield, Aptakisic, Half Day and Buffalo Grove roads, Dundee roads in our village.
- Rerouting these freight trains to the EJ&E would free up capacity for possible expansion of Metra's North Central Service.
- Actually there are no trains to Chicago Union Station from Buffalo Grove after 7:27 am daily morning in the North Central Service until 9:42 am. As the villages & towns that uses North Central service expanded rapidly in the past few years
Decreasing the freight traffic will help in increasing the passenger trains as more people travel in this line.
- All the other Metra lines in the Chicago area runs more morning, evening hour fast trains in the area except the North Central Service. Reducing the freight traffic in the route will help in adding more fast trains.
- Similarly reducing freight trains along the North Central route during weekends will help in adding weekend Metra trains in the North Central line. Currently North Central Line doesn't have any weekend trains. This is especially difficult for family with kids (like my family) visiting Chicago downtown on weekends.

Yours truly,

Arul arasu Vasanthan.
(09/04/2008).