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

Re: Canadian National's Pending
Acquisition of the EJ & E RR

Dear Ms Johnson-Ball,

Recently, a number of politicians have advised—

Canadian National RR should use the modern, inter-model truck and multiple rail-line facilities already constructed in Rochelle, Illinois, just west of Chicago. These have been designed and built to accommodate the very needs requested by the Canadian National Railroad to satisfy their current and future requirements, both for trucks and trains.

Furthermore, the open space required to construct the lengthy bridges and multiple rail lines needed for double-decker freight trains is not available in most of the 40 towns along the EJ&E, and in some, like Barrington, the downtown business district would be destroyed.

However, these large capacity bridges are already built and functioning in Rochelle, Illinois

The many rail lines currently available from the Canadian border, through Minneapolis, St. Paul, and continuing through the Midwest, through Rochelle, Illinois, St. Louis, Missouri, Memphis, Tennessee, and down to New Orleans, Louisiana, and the Gulf of

Mexico, are currently ready to efficiently accept Canada's current traffic and long term growth projections.

As one of the million and a half residents living in Barrington, one of the 40 communities along the E.J. & E.,RR, I am convinced the personal financial damage, and the destruction to all these communities, makes no sense, especially when a better alternative for all the residents and the railroad is already available, and at minimum cost.

Thanks much for caring,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Donald E. Pearson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Donald" and last name "Pearson" clearly legible.

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