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Environmental Impact Statement

Comment Form

Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the
Proposed Canadian National Railway Company
Acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway
Company

STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Date: 8/27/08

Comments must be submitted by September 30, 2008.

I oppose the acquisition of the EJ&E by CN for numerous reasons. My House is only 1 1/2 blocks away from the BJE line. Should CN acquire the line and increase traffic as proposed, my property value on a house that was built in 2006 will plummet. My house appraised at \$925,000 after construction. Housing values in general have declined on average 10-20% across the board in the past 2 years. The CN plan would virtually destroy the investment I put into a home and future for my family. It is not unrealistic to estimate another 30-40% loss in value. My home is not the only home that will be affected in this way. I don't believe the impact on property values has been accurately calculated. Furthermore, my sons will be walking to BHS in a few short years. I am concerned for their safety as they will have to cross at Lake/Cook Road twice every day. Increased traffic on the rail will make it much more difficult for them to get to and from school every day. My daughter rides a bus every day to get to her special needs program at Country Side School. I am also concerned that her bus riders will increase dramatically. Traffic in Barrington is already greatly stressed. Locking up the 3 major arteries in town - Lake/Cook, Rt. 59, and Rt 141 will be absolutely disastrous. Emergency vehicles will not be able to respond when needed. No one will be able in or out of town because every single route will be blocked. It is unacceptable for a foreign company to

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Fundamentally destroy life in our community without our permission. This should be illegal.

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