

September 23, 2008

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

RE: STB Finance Docket No. 35087
Proposed Acquisition of the EJ&E Railroad by Canadian National

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball:

I am a resident of Frankfort IL, and I am formally opposing the proposed Canadian National Railway acquisition of the EJ&E Railroad.

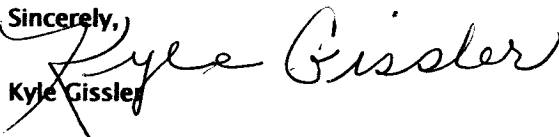
I live in the Sandalwood Subdivision, which is adjacent to the EJ&E railroad tracks. Increasing rail traffic on these tracks will have a major impact on me both financially and environmentally. Though my home does not back up to the tracks, my property value will decrease if this acquisition is allowed to take place. In fixing housing values, comparable homes in the area are considered. Homes that are adjacent to the tracks will decrease in value, and thus my home will also decrease in value.

My quality of life will also suffer. 28 trains a day, for the time being, and who knows how many in the future will have an adverse effect on my life. As it is now, long trains sit idling just beyond the crossing for hours on end. Think of all the wasted diesel fuel even now. Add to that the wasted gasoline from cars and trucks waiting for the train to pass and you have a major pollution problem.

As if this were not bad enough, countless hours will be spent waiting for trains to pass. We will be cut off from our major shopping area, though it is only a mile away. I don't understand why this has never been addressed in the DEIS.

How can we allow a foreign country to come in and take over our land, costing United States citizens dearly in quality of life issues, huge amounts of money wasted in mitigation costs the CN will not cover and environmental and safety issues?

Sincerely,


Kyle Gissler