

September 28, 2008

Phillis Johnson - Ball
STB Finance Docket No. 35087
395 E Street SW
Washington , DC 20423-0001

Re: CN acquisition of the EJ & E

To Whom It May Concern:

PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN.

The train tracks run through our Neighborhood in Spring Hill Estates, Plainfield. Our subdivision already faces challenges, with only one entrance and exit to the area. As a result, traffic is challenging when the gates are down. We can't imagine how troublesome this will be with additional trains running through the community.

Plainfield is not a city which was developed to accommodate heavy train traffic. It is unsafe and unrealistic for the train gates to be down for increased amounts of time. Naturally, increased train traffic will cause emergency vehicles to face delays when rushing to an urgent situation. Without the additional building of police stations, fire stations, schools and hospitals, it is absurd to increase the train traffic. This move will undoubtedly increase risk and danger in the communities we live in.

Recently, it took a train twelve minutes to pass through our neighborhood. So many tragedies can occur in twelve minutes....a death...a burning home.....What happens when it is not us, but an emergency vehicle waiting for twelve minutes to get across those tracks? Can you imagine this happening 42 times a day ?

Is decreasing the traffic through Chicago really worth increasing the dangers of its surrounding communities?

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