

Sept 29, 2008

Phillis Johnson - Ball
395 E. Street SW.
Washington, DC 20423

Ref: STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Ms. Johnson - Ball:

As a resident of New Lenox, a community that will be notoriously ^{negatively} impacted with the increased number of trains being proposed with the purchase of the E & E railroad by the CN railroad. I would like to express my concerns. I understand that the number of trains may exceed 30 trains in the future and that these trains may extend 3 miles in length causing over 20 minute crossing delays.

I strongly believe that not only will this purchase sever the growth potential of our community, but also

create a perilous situation for
senior citizens ~~and~~ every ^{need of} resident
in the community in a medical emergency.
I lost my father... my best friend... in 2000,
because a highway obstruction just here
(this train) precluded the ambulance from
arriving for 15 minutes. That's all it took.
15 minutes removed any hope of my
father ever feeling the loving embrace
of my 5 & 7 year old. ~~My children~~
~~children~~ my children have their only remaining
grandfather living in New Lenox. Don't
let greed sever a community and
family members. It's too painful...
take it from someone who feels from
that pain every Father's Day.
I pray to God that you listen.
Amen.

Please help us.
Kenny Haas #2227
~~Donny Haas~~

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