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Dear Ms Johnson-Ball

This is my second attempt to contact you regarding mitigation to the noise of CN trains assaulting my property. Thank you for your attention.

Following the CN acquisition of the EJE Railroad the trains passing adjacent to my property has increased from an occasional annoyance of 3 relatively quiet and short trains a day to the all pervasive exacerbating irritation of more than 20 loud and long trains a day.

As a result of the increasing frequency and intensity, the train noise on my property may now have peak sound levels that exceed 80 db

SEA proposed conditions relating to monitoring and enforcement and noted that If there is a material change in the facts or circumstances upon which the Board relied in imposing specific environmental mitigation conditions, the Board may review the continuing applicability of its final mitigation and compliance with additional mitigation measures for any period the Board imposes. (currently extended to 2017)

SEA states that EIS should take into account desires of local residents when evaluating mitigation to noise impacts. For its analysis, SEA defined noise-sensitive receptors as areas of human habitation or substantial use where the intrusion of noise has the potential to adversely affect the occupancy, use, or enjoyment of the environment. This certainly describes my property.

The Surface Transportation Board required that sensitive receptors in the area be identified. Failure of CN to identify my property is a violation of this directive, and not a failure of my property to meet the standard for mitigation.

In the less severely impacted areas of Hoffman Estates where the Ldn was 65 db, and in Lake Zurich, CN agreed to voluntarily mitigate with tall masonry walls. Thus it is capricious for CN to discriminate against my property.

A recent communication to CN representative Jim Kvedaras concerning my complaint was ignored.

In view of all of the foregoing, including the precedents set in Lake Zurich and Hoffman Estates I would like the SEA to require that CN initiate remediation to the noise violation at my property.

Please advise me how to proceed to achieve this objective.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

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