

September 30, 2008

Phillis Johnson-Ball
Surface Transportation Board
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 negatively impacted with the increased number of trains being proposed with purchase of the EJ&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 these trains will be hazardous to our community. Hazardous material cars will be literally in my backyard and there are children playing in this area also. If there is a spill many lives will be affected.

Homeless people jumping off these cars and coming into our backyards and homes. There will be severe noise pollution, we will be deprived of sleep, how do we function?

Fire, police and ambulances will be unable to help us when they are stuck waiting for a long train to pass. Time is of the essence. People can't wait to be helped in an emergency situation.

Our community cannot afford to install overpasses, we can barely pay for the schools we need for our children.

Please take my concerns into consideration when you make your recommendation and vote NO to the CN.

Sincerely,


Vida Bernadisius