

2630 Oak Rail Drive
New Lenox, IL 60451

September 29, 2008

395 E. St. SW
Washington, DC 20423

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball:

This is in regard to STB Finance Docket No. 35087. The purchase of the EJ&E railroad to CN will greatly affect our area. Any family that lives south of these tracks will be cut off from getting emergency services in a timely manner any time a train passes through. This could mean the difference between life and death and also the loss of a home to fire. Many school children each day during the school year that need to cross these tracks in either busses or personal vehicles will also be affected.

It seems CN does not want to put much money into any improvements from the start. We have 5 intersections in New Lenox that are at ground level. With train traffic increasing from 6 to 28 or more a day this will certainly create a lot of gridlock to the area. If this acquisition goes through, would they be able to further increase the amount of train traffic in the area?

CN seems to be unwilling to put in much money to upgrade the crossings or create over passes for traffic at the beginning of their acquisition of the tracks. I would imagine it can be expected that they will do little to maintain the tracks once the purchase goes through. Tax payers should not be expected to take on the burden of the upkeep of these tracks.

Will there be any provision for noise control or for any toxic spills that might occur?

The acquisition of the EJ&E tracks by CN is not in the best interests of the citizens in our area. Please carefully consider these points before granting CN the approval it needs to go ahead with their plans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda M. Landers".

Linda M. Landers