



Environmental Impact Statement

Scoping Comment for the Proposed Canadian National Railway Company Acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Comment Form

How Do I Submit Comments?

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- **Written Comments:** Complete and submit this form at the public open house scoping meeting, or follow the directions on the reverse side of this sheet to mail your comments.
- **Recorded Comments:** Provide your comments to a member of the project team or court reporter at this public open house scoping meeting, or call the toll-free project information line: 1-800-347-0689.
- **Electronic Comments:** Submit electronic comments by visiting the Surface Transportation Board's website, www.stb.dot.gov, under the heading "E-Filing."

Please refer to STB Finance Docket No. 35087 in all correspondence addressed to the Surface Transportation Board. Comments must be submitted by February 1, 2008.

This acquisition of the EJ&E rail line is ludicrous. There is only one function and it does not involve moving freight, which can move by air or truck. The EJ&E line needs to be converted into a METRA line immediately to alleviate the continual road congestion. I live in Libertyville and work in West Chicago. A few years ago I met an individual living in Wheaton and working in North Chicago.

What an excellent opportunity presented to the Surface Transportation Board to help mass transit in the greater Chicagoland area. The EJ&E line provides a commuter "rim" connection linking all the METRA spokes leading into the hub, Chicago. The question is whether you and your board will have the balls to go against the proposed merger and take a totally different approach. The legacy will be our mass transportation in greater Chicagoland will become another IOWA - everyone left to do there own thing.

It amazes me how Europeans understand and utilize train transportation for there personal needs. Perhaps the high price of gasoline has something to do with this choice. Americans need to be weaned away from there auto. Gasoline increases can do a lot to bring about change.

What scoping meeting did you attend? (Please circle): Mundelein, Barrington, Joliet, Matteson, Gary, West Chicago, Chicago.

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Comments provided by the public help determine the scope of the environmental review.

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