



Environmental Impact Statement



CN EI&E

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.

THE COMMENTS ARE ATTACHED.

I LIVE ALONG THE TRACKS, I PLAN ON RETIRING SOON, MY HOME WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SELL AND MY WIFE AND I WILL BE IN BIG TROUBLE. THE NOISE AND VIBRATION ARE UNBEARABLE WHEN TRAINS GO BY NOW. BUT 5 OR 10 A DAY GIVES US A BREAK. THE PROPOSED 20+ LONG FREIGHT TRAINS WILL ELIMINATE ANY QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THOUSANDS OF US.

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

YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT!

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

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January 13, 2008

To: Transportation Board,

I want to express the concern that I, and others have in regards to the proposed CN application to take over the EJ&E rail line. This must not be allowed! The impacts are huge. The traffic congestion in Barrington will be disastrous for citizens and business in downtown Barrington. The city of Barrington is right on the only north-south route available for many miles and is already dealing with traffic concerns. The City has improved the downtown area and already supports commuter lines to Chicago. The traffic that would occur from the proposed mile-long+ freight trains will put many back in their cars and avoid downtown business's which are vital to keeping the Town Center atmosphere that we all aspire to maintain, the sprawl that is ruining local business is not good for our environment or our sense of Community.

Another issue is the effect on residential quality of life and property values. The proposed volume of freight traffic will make life near the track unbearable. If you spend a little time near a track while a train comes and goes by you can get the idea. The noise is incredible, the ground shakes. The current train traffic is bearable, five to ten trains a day which stop conversation, scare the dogs, and wake us up. The increase will make the thousands of homes near the tracks SALEPROOF! The homes near the tracks are already hard to sell but not impossible. Homeowners are getting destroyed already by the real estate market in Illinois. Tens of millions of dollars in value will be lost immediately.

The negative impact upon many of the citizens you represent will be HUGE! Please fight this takeover as hard as you can, that is your job and we appreciate it.

Jack Scully
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