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September 20, 2008

Ms. Phillis Johnson-Ball
STB Finance Docket No. 35087
395 E. Street SW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball:

I understand that the Canadian National Railway Corporation has filed an application with the Federal Surface Transportation Board to seek approval to acquire the EJ&E West Company. Their purpose is to use existing EJ&E railways to expand their rail lines around Chicago. Estimations now predict that the average number of trains will increase almost three-fold per day, with each train's length being allowed to increase to almost two miles.

Plainfield is one of the cities to be included in this change. Our small town has already been greatly affected by the recent population growth explosion. Our infrastructures, including roads, have not been able to keep up with the increased demand. Currently, there are miles of back-ups in every direction daily. We are land-locked by natural limitations of rivers, lakes, hallowed grounds of cemeteries and bird sanctuaries, etc. to expand existing or create additional roadways in the area.

To increase delays by allowing additional train traffic via the length of train and the number of trains crossing, would make the town virtually impassable. Unless significant construction of overhead railways, to be completed by a particular date, to eliminate the railroad crossings at all our roadways is a required part of the agreement, I see no reason to allow this acquisition to occur.

To allow this acquisition would not be in the constituents' best interest for:

Vehicle/pedestrian traffic delays

Effective bypass for I-55 highway emergencies

Safety: Emergency response teams, noise levels, pollution factors

Affect on work, school, shopping, and other activities for both our town
and surrounding communities

Gas consumption: Vehicles at idle use more fuel than while moving--

At a time when we are attempting to increase fuel mileage, it
appears this would not be conducive to meeting this goal

I urge you to vote against this sale or acquisition.

Sincerely,



Debra Lynn Obrecht

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