

Sept 9, 2008

Phillis Johnson-Ball
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

REF: STB Finance Docket #35087

Dear Ms Ball & the STB,

I'm writing this letter with regards to the proposed purchase of the EJ&E Railroad by Canadian National. **Let this letter stand as my firm opposition to this purchase by Canadian National.**

Please let me site my reasons for my opposition:

This purchase brings no benefit to the town of Frankfort, Il where I reside. More importantly if this purchase is allowed to take place the value of my home (the American dream) would greatly depreciate to the point that my home would be very difficult if not impossible to sell. My home currently backs up to the tracks of the EJ &E. . When I purchased the home I was fully aware of the train tracks, knowing that I could expect up to six trains a day. I personally can not imagine a 400% increase it train traffic that is expected and how this will affect the Quality of Life for me and my family. Try sitting outside in the summer with train after train coming through, or sleeping (don't think about having the windows open), or simply watching TV. The noise, pollution, vibration is in no way a health environment for anyone and is NOT what I or any of my neighbors signed up for.

SAFETY- Again living directly behind this train, God forbid if there is an accident or derailment. These rail cars could easily end up in my house. With the increase in trains comes the increase in Risk. I have 4 kids that attend school, some of which have to cross these very tracks to get there. The risk of emergency vehicles being able to get to my needs should a train block access to my house. These are all liabilities that can clearly be avoided by not allowing the purchase to go through.

Finally in closing if the tracks were not here CN would not be asking to buy land to put tracks here. This foreign company stands to benefit big with little to no benefit to the hard working class US Citizens. So what if product ends up at a store two days later. Preservations of peoples lives in much more important.

I strongly urge the transportation board to look at the full impact, read and take into account the lives this will affect and act by rejecting the proposal of this said sale.

Thank You for your time and consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ron Bogdan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Ron Bogdan & family
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