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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.

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

Name:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Date:

YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT!

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

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January 29, 2008

I am submitting comments on the impact of the proposed acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway company by the Canadian National Railway Company. I attended the scoping meeting in Barrington, IL.

I live in a community just north of Shoe Factory Road and just west of Beverly Road in Hoffman Estates.

I work full time in Schaumburg.

My most direct route to work takes me across the EJ&E tracks at Shoe Factory Road.

The probability of delays during my commute is an inconvenience. This however is minor compared to the possibility of being rear ended while waiting for a train while traveling west on Shoe Factory Road.

Just west of Illinois 59 on Shoe Factory there is a slight rise in the road followed by a long decline with the EJ&E RR crossing after a short level section. Shortly after Illinois 59 on Shoe Factory there is a sign that reads "Be Prepared to Stop". A short distance later there is a sign that says "Hill Blocks View". Those of us that travel this section of road frequently know why we must be prepared to stop and what view the hill blocks. However, there is the probability, even the certainty, that some time in the future, someone unfamiliar with this road will drive through this section at the same time that a train is blocking the crossing. If this driver is in a hurry or distracted for any reason, the signs may be inadequate to avoid a serious accident.

Just such an accident occurred in December of 2007. The probability of such accidents occurring will rise with increased rail traffic. With the proposed increase, a 500% increase in accidents should be expected. One of these future accidents could result in one or more fatalities.

Sincerely,



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