

September 20, 2008

Phillis Johnson-Ball

Surface Transportation Board

395 E Street, S.W.

Washington, D.C. 20423

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball,

I am writing you today in concern over the Draft EIS for docket number FD 35087 Canadian National Railway Company and Grand Truck Corporation – Control- EJ&E West Company.

Some of my many concerns over the Draft EIS are as follows:

*~ Hazardous materials will be transported on an average of **one per day** through residential neighborhoods and very close to Peterson Elementary School, 4008 Chinaberry Lane, Naperville, IL. (between 111th and 103rd) For the safety of our children, is it possible NOT to transport hazardous material while they are in school?*

~ It appears that the plans are to add a THIRD track near Peterson Elementary School for storage. Why is CN allowed to store their trains so close to an elementary school? What are the plans for construction noise, storage, and switching? What is being done to ensure that our children are safe and that their school and playground is not polluted?

~ The construction noise of the additional track appears that it will be above acceptable levels. What is being done to correct this? Could construction be done at time when our children are not in school? Could construction be done at a time when residents are not sleeping?

~ Additional tracks are being added between 119th and 111th, which is very close to residential neighborhoods. Again, what are the specific construction plans and how will you hold CN accountable?

~ The cities of Naperville and Aurora are hoping to enact a Quiet Zone by November 2008. How will you ensure that this and all quiet zones along the lines are honored?

~ It appears that trains may be as long as 2 miles and double stacked. This will cripple the traffic in the Plainfield, Aurora, Naperville area. What part of the financial burden will come from CN's pockets?

~ Did the draft EIS address full capacity line or just current CN shipments being moved to the EJ&E line? What will prevent CN from increasing shipments?

I am very concerned about the many negative impacts that the CN takeover will have on our

environment. Thank you for taking the time to keep our environment clean and our children safe.

Respectfully Submitted,

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