

SECTION VII

Communication Mediums

A project webpage and toll-free 800 information hot line were maintained throughout the environmental review process. The toll-free 800 number was activated on December 23, 2007 and the website became accessible on January 8, 2008. Both communication mediums contained project information, upcoming event notices, and contact information. The address for the project website is www.stbfinancedocket35087.com and the hot line phone number is 1-800-347-0689. While the materials used in these mediums were dynamic throughout the project, webpage content and 800-line scripts as of major publication dates are shown below:

Webpage Content

1. Webpage graphic design
2. January 8, 2008 website Home page
3. January 8, 2008 website Environmental Review Process page
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12. December 23, 2007 hot line script
13. January 15, 2008 hot line English script
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Environmental Impact Statement

Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Canadian National Railway Company Acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company

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The following abbreviations are used throughout this website:

- **Board** - Surface Transportation Board
- **CN** - Canadian National Railway Company and Grand Trunk Corporation
- **EIS** - Environmental Impact Statement
- **EJ&E** - Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company
- **SEA** - Section of Environmental Analysis (an office within the Board)

Last updated 5/5/08.

A-VII.2 January 8, 2008 Website Home Page

Welcome to the website for information regarding the Surface Transportation Board's environmental review of the proposed Canadian National Railway Company acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company.

Use the navigation buttons to the left to view information about the environmental study currently underway.

Project Overview

On October 30, 2007, Canadian National Railway Company (CN) (along with its U.S. subsidiary, Grand Trunk Corporation), filed an application with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) seeking to acquire EJ&E West Company, a wholly owned noncarrier subsidiary of Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company (EJ&E).

CN is one of Canada's two major railroads. It extends from Halifax, Nova Scotia, to Vancouver and Prince Rupert, British Columbia. EJ&E is a Class II railroad that currently operates over 198 miles of track in northeastern Illinois and northwestern Indiana, consisting primarily of an arc around Chicago, Illinois. This arc extends from Waukegan, Illinois, southward to Joliet, Illinois, then eastward to Gary, Indiana, and then northwest to South Chicago, Illinois, along Lake Michigan, as shown in the inset image. EJ&E provides rail service to approximately 100 customers, including steel mills, coal utilities, plastics and chemical producers, steel processors, distribution centers, and scrap processors.



Click on image for a closer view.

CN's proposed acquisition of EJ&E would shift rail traffic currently moving over CN's rail lines inside the EJ&E arc in Chicago to EJ&E rail lines, which traverse the suburbs generally to the west and south of Chicago. Rail traffic on CN lines inside the EJ&E arc would generally decrease. The decreases in rail traffic would be offset by increases in the number of trains operating on the EJ&E rail line outside of Chicago (approximately 15 to 27 more trains would operate on various segments of the EJ&E rail lines).

CN plans to construct six new rail-to-rail connections between existing rail lines and the newly acquired EJ&E line at the following locations:

1. Munger, Illinois
2. Joliet, Illinois
3. Matteson, Illinois

4. Griffith, Indiana
5. Ivanhoe, Indiana
6. Kirk Yard (Gary), Indiana

In addition to the six new rail-to-rail connections, CN plans to construct 19 miles of new sidings and double tracking at the following Illinois locations:

1. Leithton (near Libertyville)
2. Between East Siding/Eola and Walker
3. Between East Joliet and Frankfort

Applicants state three primary purposes for pursuing the Control Transaction. First, they believe the Control Transaction would improve their operations in and beyond the Chicago area by providing CN with a continuous rail route around Chicago, under applicants' ownership, that would connect the five CN lines that presently radiate from Chicago. Second, acquiring EJ&E's rail assets would make available to applicants EJ&E's Kirk Yard--an automated classification facility in Gary--as well as smaller facilities in Joliet and Whiting, IN, thus enabling applicants to consolidate car classification work at Kirk and East Joliet Yards and to reduce use of the Belt Railway Company of Chicago's (BRC) Clearing Yard. Lastly, applicants state that their system would benefit from the fact that EJ&E provides an important supply line for North American steel, chemical, and petrochemical industries, as well as for Chicago area utilities and others, which would allow applicants to develop closer and more extensive relationships with companies in and serving those industries.

To thoroughly assess the potential environmental impacts that may result from the proposed acquisition, the Board through its Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA), will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Learn more about the EIS process on the [Environmental Review Process](#) page.

A-VII.3 January 8, 2008 Website Environmental Review Process Page

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process is intended to assist the Board and the public in identifying and assessing the potential environmental consequences of a proposed action before a decision on that proposed action is made. The Surface Transportation Board (Board) Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) is responsible for ensuring that the Board complies with NEPA and related environmental statutes.

Steps of the Environmental Review Process:

- NOI (Notice of Intent)
- Draft Scope of Study
- Public Scoping Meetings
- Final Scope of Study
- Draft EIS
- Public Comment
- Final EIS
- Record of Decision

NOI (Notice of Intent)

The NOI is a document prepared by STB that states the intent to prepare an EIS. It is mailed to all parties on the environmental distribution list, and is posted on the STB website. This document provides information about the next steps of the environmental review process, including the draft scope, and public scoping meetings. This document was published in December, and is available on the [News and Information](#) page.

Draft Scope of Study

A draft scope is then developed for the EIS. This document tries to incorporate the issues and concerns raised in the comment letters received already as well as any potential concerns with regard to any aspect of the environmental review process. Public comment on this document is requested throughout the public scoping period. This document is available for review and comment in the [News and Information](#) page.

Public Scoping

Scoping is an open process for determining the breadth of environmental issues to be addressed in the EIS. The scoping process will include a number of open house meetings to be held in mid to late January in the project area, at which members of the public will have the opportunity to discuss their interests and concerns with SEA staff. Members of the public can also submit written comments to SEA at this stage of the process, as well as on-line on the [Board's website](#) by clicking on the E_FILING tab. Please refer to STB Finance Docket No. 35087 on all correspondence. **Public comments on the scope of study are due by February 1, 2008.**

Final Scope of Study

After the close of the comment period on the draft scope of study, SEA will review all comments received and then issue a final scope of study (final scope) for the EIS.

Draft EIS

SEA will prepare a Draft EIS (DEIS) for the project. The DEIS will address those environmental issues and concerns identified during the scoping process. It will also contain SEA's preliminary recommendations for environmental mitigation measures.

Public Comment

Upon completion of the Draft EIS, the document will be made available for public and agency review and comment for 45 days. Public hearings will be held during this 45-day comment period to allow further public input.

Final EIS

SEA will then prepare a Final EIS (FEIS) that will address the comments on the DEIS from the public and agencies. Then, in reaching its decision in this case, STB will take into account the DEIS, the FEIS, public comments, and the environmental analysis and recommendations, including any environmental mitigation proposed by SEA.

Record of Decision

The Board will review the Final EIS and then issue a record of decision on the proposed Project.

A-VII.4 January 8, 2008 Website Public Involvement Page

YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT!
**Comments provided by the public help determine the
 scope of the environmental review.**

What is the purpose of this Website?

This Website is intended to encourage all interested parties to participate in the EIS process by providing information as necessary to the public. This Website also provides guidance on how to submit comments (See the [Contact Information](#) page).

When will the scoping meetings be held?

Scoping Open House meetings will be held at the dates and locations listed below. Each location will have an afternoon and an evening session at the following times: the afternoon Open House is scheduled from **1:00 PM to 4:00 PM** and the evening Open House is scheduled from **6:00 PM to 8:00 PM**. There is no need to attend more than one meeting, but all are welcome to attend as many meetings as desired.



| Ref No. | Date | Location |
|---------|------------------|---|
| 1 | January 8, 2008 | Crown Plaza, Salon A/C Room 510 E. Route 83 Mundelein, IL 60060 847-949-5100 |
| 2 | January 9, 2008 | Makray Memorial Golf Club, Grand Ballroom 1010 S. NW Highway Barrington, IL 60010 847-381-6500 |
| 3 | January 10, 2008 | Jacob Henry Mansion, Ballroom 15 South Richards Street Joliet, IL 60433 815-722-2465 |
| 4 | January 15, 2008 | Holiday Inn, Willow Room 500 Holiday Plaza Drive Matteson, IL 60443 708-747-3500 |
| 5 | January 16, 2008 | Genesis Convention Center, Gary Lakes Room |

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|---|---------------------|--|
| | | One Genesis Center Plaza Gary, IN 46402 219-882-5505 |
| 6 | January 17, 2008 | St. Andrews Golf Club, St. Andrews Room 3N441 Route 59 West Chicago, IL 60185 630-231-3100 |
| 7 | January 22, 2008 | Crowne Plaza Chicago- Metro, Ballroom 733 West Madison Chicago, IL 60661 312-602-2106 |

The public scoping meetings will be held in an informal, open house format, with the same information available during each meeting. In keeping with the open house format of the scoping meetings, there will be no formal agency presentations; SEA staff will be available to answer questions and take comments. Interested persons may ask questions about the proposal and the Board's environmental review process, and discuss the potential environmental effects of the proposal with project team members. A court reporter will be available for those persons who wish to submit oral comments. Writing stations will be available to those who wish to submit written comments at the Open House. Project team members will be available to listen and make notes of comments. Additional copies of the draft scope will be available at all Open House meetings.

Please feel free to attend any of the scheduled meetings. There is no need to attend more than one meeting, but all are welcome to attend as many meetings as desired. A toll-free project information phone number has been established to assist the public in participating in the EIS process: 1-800-347-0689.

The meeting locations comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Persons who need special accommodations should telephone the toll-free number for the project at 1-800-347-0689. Please leave a detailed message.

SEA will issue a final Scope of Study shortly after the close of the scoping comment period. **Written comments on the draft scope are due February 1, 2008.** Directions on how to submit comments of the draft scope are on the [Contact Information](#) page.

A-VII.5 January 8, 2008 Website News and Information Page

News Releases

 [Press Release](#). (xxxk), December 12, 2007

December 12, 2007. This press release from the board is regarding public involvement and the review process for the project. This document contains information about what procedures will be followed for reviewing the impacts of the proposed acquisition and how public input will play a role in that process.

Project Information

 [Notice of Intent/Draft Scoping Document](#). (xxk), Dated x

The Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an EIS and the draft scope for the project, which gives general project information, information about the first set of public meetings, and outlines the process that will be followed in the environmental study. The NOI also includes information about the environmental aspects that will be considered in the EIS. The first set of public meetings will present general information about the project and allow the public to submit comments on the study that will be incorporated in the final scope for the project. You can submit comments on this document by using the [Contact Information](#) page.

 [STB Decision No. 2: Notice of Acceptance of Primary Application and Related Filings; Issuance of Procedural Schedule](#). (xxk), Dated November 26, 2007.

In STB's Decision No. 2, the Board accepts CN application for acquisition and adopts a procedural schedule for consideration of the application.

Project Milestones

The following milestones are defined:

- Public Scoping Meetings
- Prepare Preliminary Draft Environmental Impact Statement
- Complete Draft Environmental Impact Statement
- Public Comment Period
- Complete Final Environmental Impact Statement
- Submit All Final Documents to STB
- Study Approval and Acceptance by (STB)

A-VII.6 January 8, 2008 Website Related Links Page

Surface Transportation Board - www.stb.dot.gov

Canadian National Railway Company- www.cn.ca

Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company - www.tstarinc.com/eje/

A-VII.7 January 8, 2008 Website Contact Information Page

Comments on the Project can be submitted in several ways:

- Written Comments
- Participation at Scoping Meetings
- Electronic Comments
- Voice Comments

Please refer to STB Finance Docket No. 35087 in all correspondence to the Board.

Submitting a comment will also add your name to the SEA mailing list for notice of the distribution of the final scope of the EIS, the Draft EIS and the Final EIS. This mailing list will also be used to distribute future meeting information as well as any other important information regarding the project. You can be added to the mailing list without submitting a comment by using the same contact information listed below. In addition, your name can be added to the distribution list by signing in at any public meeting.

Participation at Scoping Meetings

Comments can also be submitted by filling out a comment form at one of the scoping meetings. Meeting dates and locations can be found on the Public Involvement page.

Written Comments

The Board encourages broad participation in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process. All interested agencies, organizations, communities, and members of the public are invited to participate in the scoping process by reviewing and commenting on the draft scope of the EIS. If you wish to submit written comments regarding the proposed draft scope, please send your comments to:

Surface Transportation Board
Attention: Phillis Johnson-Ball
Environmental Filing
STB Finance Docket No. 35087
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

Electronic Comments

Environmental comments may also be filed electronically on the Board's website, www.stb.dot.gov, by clicking on the "E_FILING" link.

Voice Comments

A toll-free project information phone number has been established to assist the public in participating in the EIS process: **1-800-347-0689**. Call the toll-free number to hear information about the project and the upcoming scoping meetings.

A-VII.8 February 22, 2008 Website Public Involvement Page

During the scoping period of this proceeding, we received a large number of comments from the public and are working now to fully address them in the Draft Environmental Impact Study (Draft EIS). Once this process is complete, we will make the Draft EIS available to the public and will again host several public meetings in the affected area to gather comments for inclusion in the Final EIS.

What is the purpose of this website?

This website is intended to provide necessary information to the public and to encourage all interested parties to participate in the EIS process. This website also provides guidance on how to submit comments (see the [Contact Information](#) page). In addition to this website, a toll-free project information line has been established to assist the public in participating in the EIS process: **1-800-347-0689**.

When were the scoping meetings held?

Scoping meetings were held January 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, and 22, 2008, in Mundelein, Barrington, Joliet, Matteson, Gary, West Chicago, and Chicago, respectively. All scoping meetings were held in an open house format, with the same information presented during each meeting.

In keeping with the open house format of the scoping meetings, there were no formal presentations made by agency representatives. Rather, SEA staff was available to answer questions and receive comments individually. Interested persons asked questions about the proposed acquisition and the Board's environmental review process, and discussed the potential environmental effects of the proposed acquisition with project team members.

Information on this study was presented on a series of boards (30" x 40"). These boards are available for viewing (click on links below) and include:

- [Welcome](#)
- [What is the Purpose of This Open House Scoping Meeting?](#)
- [Who is Hosting This Meeting?](#)
- [What is the Proposed Acquisition?/What is the Purpose of the Acquisition?](#)
- [Project Location Map](#)
- [What Changes are Anticipated from the Acquisition?](#)
- [Communities Along Affected Rail Line Segments](#)
- [Anticipated Changes to Rail Traffic Volumes](#)
- [What Process Will SEA Follow?](#)
- [What Issues did the Draft Scope of Study Identify?](#)
- [How Do I Submit Comments?](#)

A series of flip charts were used to illustrate proposed track improvements at six locations along the EJ&E rail line. These charts are available for viewing (click on links below) and include:

- [Project Track Improvements - Proposed Rail Connection on EJ&E Locations](#)
- [Project Track Improvements - Munger, IL](#)
- [Project Track Improvements - Joliet, IL](#)
- [Project Track Improvements - Matteson, IL](#)
- [Project Track Improvements - Griffith, IN](#)
- [Project Track Improvements - Ivanhoe, IN](#)
- [Project Track Improvements - Kirk Yard, IN](#)

A-VII.9 February 22, 2008 Website Contact Information Page

The comment period on the draft Scope of Study has closed. At this time, no comments on the Scope of Study are requested. The next opportunity for formal public comment will occur after the release of the Draft EIS.

Check this website and the project information line **1-800-347-0689** for updated information regarding public involvement opportunities throughout the environmental review process.

A-VII.10 April 24, 2008 Website Information Request Page

SEA has made several information requests from the applicants in regard to the proposed Canadian National Railway Company acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company. This information will assist SEA in conducting the environmental review of the proposed acquisition required by the National Environmental Policy Act. As the Draft EIS is prepared, further information requests may be necessary to ensure the study is conducted thoroughly. These information requests and the responses from the applicants are available below.

To download the file (PDF or ZIP), right mouse click on the link and choose Save Target As..., then save the file to your computer.

Information Request Number 1

December 18, 2007 [SEA Information Request](#) (PDF 166KB)

Information Request Number 1 Responses

January 28, 2008 [Applicant Response Letter](#) (PDF 678KB)
[Exhibits](#) (ZIP 5,662KB)

February 12, 2008 [Applicant Response Letter](#) (PDF 70KB)
[Exhibits](#) (PDF 9KB)

February 15, 2008 [Applicant Response Letter](#) (PDF 397KB)
[Exhibits](#) (ZIP 1,159KB)

February 26, 2008 [Applicant Response Letter](#) (PDF 90KB)

February 29, 2008 [Applicant Response Letter](#) (PDF 185KB)
[Exhibits](#) (ZIP 33KB)

March 12, 2008 [Applicant Response Letter](#) (PDF 371KB)
[Exhibits](#) (ZIP 321KB)

Information Request Number 2

March 7, 2008 [SEA Information Request Letter](#) (PDF 87KB)

Information Request Number 2 Responses

March 21, 2008 [Applicant Response Letter](#) (PDF 144KB)
[Applicant Response Letter](#) (PDF 184KB)

March 26, 2008 [Applicant Response Letter](#) (PDF 748KB)
[Exhibits](#) (ZIP 311KB)

April 1, 2008 [Applicant Response Letter](#) (PDF 532KB)
[Exhibits](#) (ZIP 211KB)

April 11, 2008 [Applicant Response Letter](#) (PDF 197KB)

April 28, 2008 [Applicant Response Letter](#) (PDF 97KB)
[Exhibits](#) (ZIP 62KB)

Information Request Number 3

March 25, 2008 [SEA Information Request Letter](#) (PDF 54KB)

Information Request Number 3 Responses

April 21, 2008 [Applicant Response Letter](#) (PDF 5795KB)
 [Exhibits](#) (ZIP 38KB)

Information Request Number 4

April 14, 2008 [SEA Information Request Letter](#) (PDF 76KB)

Information Request Number 4 Responses

May 1, 2008 [Applicant Response Letter](#) (PDF 419KB)

Additional Information

In addition to formal information requests, other project information requests from SEA are available below.

April 8, 2008

Request from SEA for the applicants to review figures for use in the environmental review process.

- [Letter](#) (PDF 48KB)
- [Exhibits](#) (ZIP 38KB)

April 18, 2008

Request letter from SEA for the applicants to review the draft description of the purpose of and the need for the proposed action.

- [Letter](#) (PDF 1,113KB)

A-VII.11 May 5, 2008 Website News and Information Page

The Board and SEA

For more information on the Board and SEA, please [click here](#) (PDF 31KB).

Find information requested of the applicants from the Board on the [Information Request Page](#).

Announcements and News Releases

April 25, 2008 - The Board released the Final Scope of Study. This document was published in the Federal Register and incorporates comments received on the Draft Scope of Study. The board issued a clarification to the Final Scope of Study on Monday, April 28, 2008, the new version is available [here](#) (PDF 88KB).

April 23, 2008 - The Board released [Decision No. 9](#) (PDF 72KB) regarding the six proposed connections. Illustrations of the proposed track improvements are available on the [Public Involvement](#) page.

February 15, 2008 - The deadline for comments on the draft Scope of Study has closed. The next opportunity for public review and comment will occur after the release of the Draft EIS.

January 27, 2008 - The Board extended the comment period of the draft Scope of Study for the EIS to February 15, 2008. See the [postcard](#) that announced the extension.



December 12, 2007 - This [press release](#) (PDF 18KB) from the Board is regarding public involvement and the review process for the project. This document contains information about what procedures will be followed for reviewing the impacts of the proposed acquisition and how public input will play a role in that process.

Project Information

On January 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, and 22, 2008, public open house meetings were conducted in Mundelein, Barrington, Joliet, Matteson, Gary, West Chicago, and Chicago (see map to the left for meeting locations). Over 2,000 interested citizens attended the meetings. A [project fact sheet](#) (PDF 31KB) prepared for the public scoping meetings provided a quick overview of the proposed acquisition and explained how to submit comments.

On December 21, 2007, the Board issued a [Notice of Intent](#) (NOI) (PDF 52KB) to prepare an EIS and a draft

Scope of Study for the project, which gives general project information and information about the first set of public meetings as well as outlines the process that will be followed in the environmental review. The NOI also includes information about the environmental aspects that will be considered in the EIS. The public meetings will present general information about the project and allow the public to submit comments on the study that will be incorporated in the final Scope of Study for the project. You can submit comments on the draft Scope of Study by using the [Contact Information](#) page.

On November 27, 2007, the Board issued [Decision No. 2: Notice of Acceptance of Primary Application and Related Filings; Issuance of Procedural Schedule](#) (PDF 129KB), in which the Board accepts CN's application for acquisition and adopts a procedural schedule for consideration of the application.

The above documents are in PDF format. If you need Adobe Reader, click [here](#) to download for free.

A-VII.12 December 23, 2007 Hot Line Script

Hello,

You have reached the Surface Transportation Board's Section of Environmental Analysis for the proposed Canadian National acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railroad project, located in the Chicago IL and Gary, IN area. The Notice Of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement or EIS and Draft Scope of Study for the Canadian National acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railroad Project was served and published in the Federal Register on December 21, 2007. The draft scope is available on the Surface Transportation Board's website at www.stb.dot.gov. If you would like a copy of the draft scope document sent to you or have questions about the Board's environmental review process for the Canadian National acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railroad project, please clearly state your request or question and leave your name, mailing address and telephone number, including area code after the beep.

Thank you

End Script

A-VII.13 January 15, 2008 Hot Line English Script

Begin Script

Hello,

Welcome to the Surface Transportation Board's Section of Environmental Analysis toll-free information hot line for the environmental review currently underway for the proposed Canadian National Railway acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway. The Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and Draft Scope of Study for the proposed acquisition was served and published in the Federal Register on December 21, 2007. The Notice also sets forth the locations, dates, and times for public scoping meetings to be held in the project area in January. The draft Scope of Study and schedule of public scoping meetings are available on the Surface Transportation Board's website at www.stb.dot.gov.

Press 1 to hear this recording in Spanish:

Press 2 for a listing of dates, times, and locations of the public scoping meetings for this project:

All meetings are scheduled from 1:00 to 4:00PM and 6:00 to 8:00PM.

1. Tuesday, January 8
Crowne Plaza Hotel North Shore
Salon A/C
510 E. Route 83
Mundelein, IL 60060
2. Wednesday, January 9
Makray Memorial Golf Club
Grand Ballroom
1010 S. NW Highway
Barrington, IL 60010
3. Thursday, January 10
Jacob Henry Mansion
Ballroom
15 South Richards Street
Joliet, IL 60433
4. Tuesday, January 15
Holiday Inn Hotel
Willow Room
500 Holiday Plaza Drive
Matteson, IL 60443
5. Wednesday, January 16
Genesis Convention Center

Gary Lakes Room
One Genesis Center Plaza
Gary, IN 46402

6. Thursday, January 17
St. Andrews Golf Club
St. Andrews Room
3N441 Route 59
West Chicago, IL 60185
7. Tuesday, January 22
Crowne Plaza Chicago - Metro
Ballroom
733 West Madison
Chicago, IL 60661

Press 3 to make arrangements for special needs that you may require for the public scoping meetings, such as hearing impaired assistance, language interpretation, sign language, wheelchair access or site impairment. Clearly state the services required and the date and time of the public meeting where it will be needed.

Press 4 to be added to the project mailing list to be kept abreast of project activities. Please clearly state *and spell* your name, address, city, state and zip code.

Press 5 to request that a copy of the draft scope document be sent to you or to leave a question about the Board's environmental review process for the Canadian National Railway acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway. Please clearly state your request or question and leave your name, the spelling of your name, mailing address and telephone number, including area code.

Press the star key to hear this recording again.

Thank you
End Script

A-VII.14 January 15, 2008 Hot Line Spanish Script

Hola,

Bienvenido a la línea de teléfono gratuito de información de la Sección de Análisis Medioambiental de la Directiva del Transporte Superficie para la evaluación medioambiental que se esta llevando a cabo para la adquisición propuesta por el ferrocarril Canadian National del ferrocarril Elgin, Joliet y Eastern. El anuncio de intención de preparar una declaración de impacto medioambiental y el borrador de alcance del estudio para la adquisición propuesta, fueron emitidos y publicados en el registro federal el veinte uno de Diciembre del dos mil siete. El anuncio también establece el lugar, fecha y hora de las reuniones públicas acerca del proyecto que se llevaran a cabo en el mes de Enero. El borrador del alcance y el calendario de reuniones públicas están disponibles en la página web de la Directiva del Transporte Superficie www.stb.dot.gov.

Oprima el seis para escuchar una lista de las fechas, horas y lugares de las reuniones públicas para discutir el alcance de este proyecto. Todas las reuniones públicas se llevaran a cabo entre la una y las cuatro de la tarde y entre la seis y las ocho de la noche.

La primera

El Martes, ocho de Enero
En el hotel Crown Plaza North Shore
En el Salón A/C
Quinientos diez Este de la Ruta ochenta y tres
Mundelein, Illinois seis cero cero seis cero

La Segunda

El Miércoles, nueve de Enero
En el Club de Golf Makray Memorial
En el Grand Ballroom
Mil diez Sur Northwest Highway
Barrington, Illinois seis cero cero uno cero

La tercera

El Jueves, diez de Enero
En la mansión Jacob Henry
En el Ballroom
Quince Sur Richards Street
Joliet, Illinois seis cero cuatro tres tres

La cuarta

El Martes, quince de Enero
En el hotel Holiday Inn
En el Willow Room
Quinientos Holiday Plaza Drive
Matteson, Illinois seis cero cuatro cuatro tres

La quinta
El Miércoles, dieciséis de Enero
En el Centro Convención Génesis
En el Gary Lakes Room
Uno Génesis Center Plaza
Gary, Indiana cuatro seis cuatro cero dos

La sexta
El Jueves, diecisiete de Enero
En el Club de Golf St Andrews
En el St Andrews Room
Tres N cuatro cuatro uno Ruta cincuenta nueve
West Chicago, Illinois seis cero uno ocho cinco

La séptima
El Martes, veinte dos de Enero
En el hotel Crowne Plaza Chicago - Metro
En el Ballroom
Setecientos treinta tres West Madison
Chicago, Illinois seis cero seis seis uno

Oprima el siete si necesita arreglos especiales para participar en las reuniones públicas, como asistencia para personas con limitaciones auditivas o de la visión, traducciones, lenguaje por señas o acceso en silla de rueda. Por favor especifique el servicio requerido y la fecha y hora de la reunión en la que quiere participar.

Oprima el ocho para entrar en la lista de correo del proyecto para mantenerse al tanto de las actividades del proyecto. Por favor diga y deletreé su nombre y deje su dirección, ciudad, estado y código postal.

Oprima el nueve para solicitar una copia del borrador del alcance o para dejar una pregunta acerca del proceso de evaluación medioambiental para la adquisición del ferrocarril Elgin, Joliet y Eastern por parte del ferrocarril Canadian National. Por favor especifique su solicitud o pregunta, deje y deletreé su nombre y provea su dirección postal y número de teléfono incluyendo el código de área.

Oprima el asterisco para escuchar este mensaje otra vez. Gracias.

A-VII.15 February 22, 2008 Hot Line English Script

Begin Script

Hello,

Press 1 to hear this recording in Spanish: (*Said in Spanish*)

Welcome to the Surface Transportation Board's Section of Environmental Analysis toll-free information hot line for the environmental review currently underway for the proposed Canadian National Railway acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway. The Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement, or EIS, and Draft Scope of Study for the proposed acquisition was served and published in the Federal Register on December 18, 2007 and is available on the Surface Transportation Board's website at www.stb.dot.gov. Once on the website, look for Key Cases under Environmental Matters. The comment period for the Draft Scope of Study closed February 15, 2008.

The Board appreciates the approximately three thousand comments that were received from the public during the comment period. The Board has received comments both opposing and supporting the proposed transaction. The Board will give careful consideration to all comments received on the Draft Scope of Study. These comments will assist the Board in developing a Final Scope of Study for the EIS. The Final Scope of Study will be issued to the parties on the environmental distribution list.

If you wish to be added to the project mailing list to be kept abreast of project activities, please clearly state ***and spell*** your name, address, city, state and zip code. Thank you for your interest in this project.

A-VII.16 February 22, 2008 Hot Line Spanish Script

Recording 1:

Hola,

Bienvenido a la línea de teléfono gratuito de información de la Sección de Análisis Medioambiental de la Directiva del Transporte Superficie para la evaluación medioambiental que se está llevando a cabo para la adquisición propuesta por el ferrocarril Canadian National del ferrocarril Elgin, Joliet y Eastern. El anuncio del intento de preparar una declaración de las consecuencias para el medioambiental, o EIS, y el borrador de alcance del estudio para la adquisición propuesta fueron servidos y publicados en el registro federal el 18 de diciembre de 2007 y está disponibles en la página Web de la Directiva del Transporte Superficie en www.stb.dot.gov. Una vez en la página Web, busque los casos dominantes bajo problemas medioambientales. El período del comentario para el borrador de alcance del estudio se terminó el 15 de febrero de 2008.

La Directiva aprecia los aproximadamente tres mil comentarios que fueron recibidos del público durante el período del comentario. La Directiva ha recibido los comentarios que oponían y que apoyaban la transacción propuesta. La Directiva va a dar la consideración cuidadosa a todos los comentarios recibidos en el borrador de alcance del estudio. Estos comentarios asistirán a la Directiva en desarrollar un alcance final del estudio para el EIS. El alcance final del estudio será publicado a los partidos en la lista de distribución medioambiental.

Si usted desea ser agregado en la lista de correo del proyecto para mantenerse al corriente de las actividades del proyecto, Oprima el número uno.

Recording 2:

Indique por favor y deletree claramente su nombre, dirección, ciudad, estado y código postal. Gracias por su interés en este proyecto.

A-VII.17 June 6, 2008 Hot Line English Script

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Hello,

Press 1 to hear this recording in Spanish: *(Said in Spanish)*

Welcome to the toll-free information hot line for the environmental review of the proposed Canadian National Railway acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway. The environmental review is being conducted by the Surface Transportation Board's Section of Environmental Analysis. The Board served and published the Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement, or EIS, and Draft Scope of Study for the proposed acquisition in the Federal Register on December 21, 2007. The comment period for the Draft Scope of Study closed February 15, 2008.

The Board appreciates the approximately three thousand comments that were received from the public during the scoping comment period. The Board has received comments both opposing and supporting the proposed transaction. The Board gave careful consideration to all comments received on the Draft Scope of Study in developing the Final Scope of Study for the EIS. The Final Scope of Study was served and published in the Federal Register on April 28, 2008 and is available on the Surface Transportation Board's website at www.stb.dot.gov. Once on the website, look for Key Cases under Environmental Matters.

The environmental review is continuing and the Board is working to compile the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, or DEIS. After the DEIS is complete, the Board will ask for public comments. The DEIS will be available to the parties on the environmental distribution list.

If you wish to be added to the environmental distribution list to be kept abreast of project activities, or are currently on the environmental distribution list and wish to update or delete your information, please clearly state **and spell** your name, address, city, state and zip code. Thank you for your interest in this project.

END SCRIPT – MESSAGE TONE

A-VII.18 June 6, 2008 Hot Line Spanish Script

Begin Script

Hola,

Oprima el número uno para escuchar esta grabación en español:

Bienvenido a la línea de teléfono gratuito de información para la revisión medioambiental para la adquisición propuesta por el ferrocarril Canadian National del ferrocarril Elgin, Joliet and Eastern. La revisión medioambiental esta siendo conducida por la Sección de Análisis Medioambiental de la Junta de Transportación Superficie. La Directiva sirvió y publico el aviso del intento para preparar una declaración de las consecuencias para el medioambiental, o EIS, y el borrador de alcance del estudio para la adquisición propuesta en el registro federal el 21 de diciembre de 2007. El periodo del comentario para el borrador de alcance del estudio cerró el 15 de febrero de 2008.

La Directiva aprecia los aproximadamente tres mil comentarios que fueron recibidos del público durante el período del comentario. La Directiva ha recibido los comentarios que oponen y que apoyan la transacción propuesta. La Directiva dio la consideración cuidadosa a todos los comentarios recibidos en el borrador de alcance del estudio en desarrollar el alcance final del estudio para el EIS. El alcance final del estudio fue servido y publicado en el registro federal el 28 de abril de 2008 y esta disponible en la pagina Web de la Junta de Transportación Superficie en www.stb.dot.gov. Una vez en la pagina Web, busque "Key Cases" bajo "Environmental Matters".

La revisión medioambiental está continuando y la Directiva está trabajando para compilar el borrador de la declaración de las consecuencias para el medioambiental, o DEIS. Después de que el DEIS sea completo, la Directiva pedirá comentarios públicos. El DEIS estará disponible para los partidos en la lista de distribución medioambiental.

Si usted desea ser agregado en la lista de distribución medioambiental para mantenerse al corriente de las actividades del proyecto, o ya esta en la lista y desea poner su información al corriente o eliminar, indique por favor y deletree claramente su nombre, dirección, ciudad, estado y código postal. Gracias por su interés en este proyecto.