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To: Surface Transportation Board

Meeting: Tuesday January 8, 2008  
Crowen Plaza Hotel North Shore  
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To Whom it May Concern:

Our business is located on Route 176 in Rondout between the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway and Route 43 (Waukegan Road). This morning at 6:10a.m. until 7:40a.m. the gates at the crossing at the E.J. & E. Railway on route 176 were down for an hour and a half. The Lake County Sheriff's department was called by someone and the Deputy was still at the crossing at 7:40a.m. Traffic was backed up east of Route 43 (Waukegan Road) and to the west past Bradley Road. This is almost an every day occurrence in Rondout.

On approximately Monday, December 31, 2007 in the morning, the gates were down again, for quit awhile. A Deputy Sheriff was called again, and held up the gate to let the cars pass through from the east, and then held up the gate to let the cars pass from the west, alternating between the two gates until they finally went up.

On approximately Tuesday December 18, 2007 in the morning, the gates were down again, for about an hour. The Sheriff's department was called again, but this time they must have contacted someone at the E.J. & E. Railway because about 5 minutes afterwards, they gates went up.

Sincerely,

Arthur M. Baker, Jr.  
Rondout Rockland Corporation