

November 25, 2007

Ms. Victoria J. Rutson
Chief, Section of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, S.W.
Washington D.C. 20423-0001

Dear Ms. Rutson,

We are writing you to express our deep concern regarding the proposed sale of the EJ&E Railroad to the Canadian National Railway. We have three young children and live along Cuba Marsh in Barrington Illinois. We are literally a stones throw away from the railroad tracks! The increase in rail traffic from 4 or 5 trains a day to over 20 raises many concerns.

The most important to us is the fact that our children will be in an unsafe environment. The rails cross many intersections in our town where school busses and emergency vehicles must cross at least once just to get to our house.

The wildlife and ecosystem of the Cuba Marsh is also in jeopardy. I think an environmental study should be considered before granting this proposed sale. The main reason we live in Barrington is the wildlife and serenity. Twenty loud and smoky freight trains must surely have an affect on the environment.

We have two major roads in Barrington that feed a lot of surrounding suburbs. Route 59 is most of the time backed up considerably and extra trains will only increase the logjam.

In addition all of the above is going to affect our property value and increase our taxes.

We would appreciate a serious review of the effects of increased rail traffic due to the sale to Canadian National Railway. This is a very serious concern to my family and our community and not just a concern about a few more annoying whistles in the middle of the night. Please do not approve this sale or at a minimum initiate a thorough investigation of the effects to our safety and environment.

Thank you in advance.

Sincerely,



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