

BARRINGTON BANK
& TRUST COMPANY, N.A.*

November 6, 2007

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

Dear Ms. Rutson:

I understand that Canadian National Railway Company plans to buy the Elgin, Joliet, & Eastern Railway Company. I have been informed that, as a result of this transaction, at least 15 new freight trains will travel through the Barrington, Illinois area each day. According to some, the increase will be much larger than that, and the final number is completely unpredictable. Such an increase will require a great deal of examination to assure that all traffic, noise and safety concerns of our community are met.

I am the Chairman & CEO for Barrington Bank & Trust Company. I started the bank as a De Novo operation eleven years ago to fill the community banking void in Barrington. We have been firmly committed to this community since our inception and have been dedicated to the environment, the people and the purpose of Barrington.

Not only do I work in Barrington, but I also live in Barrington making it even more important that I raise concern over the proposed acquisition. Access to and through the community is already negatively impacted by the traffic (rail and auto) that converges in the center of the downtown area. The addition of more retail traffic will only further congest the traffic and negatively impact the economic environment for those businesses located in the downtown area. We live about 1 ½ to 2 miles from Barrington High School off Lake Cook Road (Main Street). Many times it can take up to 30 minutes to travel that distance. The additional rail traffic will only exacerbate this problem as the EJ&E crosses Lake Cook about a ½ mile west of Route 59.

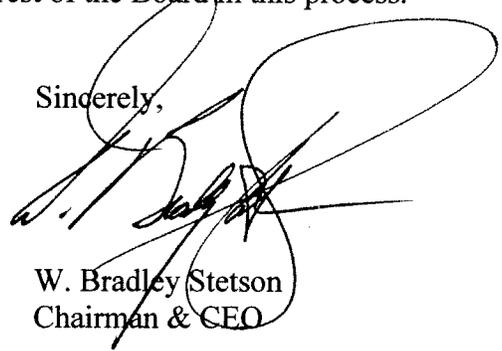
From my experience as Chairman & CEO, I understand that the federal government must consider all significant environmental impacts of its decisions, and issue a statement with alternatives and conditions before proceeding. I am certain that an extra 15 trains, each taking somewhere around five minutes to pass through the area, constitutes a significant impact on this region. I assume, therefore, that you will issue such a statement, which will give me and others an opportunity to review the true environmental impacts of this



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transaction. I look forward to working with you and the rest of the Board in this process.
Thank you.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Bradley Stetson', is written over the typed name and title.

W. Bradley Stetson
Chairman & CEO

