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c/o
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Re: Canadian National Railroad's Acquisition of the EJ&E Rail Line

Dear Ms. Rutson and Ms. Devane,

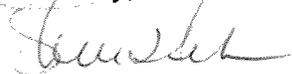
This letter is to express my concerns with the subject acquisition and interest that the Surface Transportation Board deem this acquisition a significant sale and conduct a more comprehensive review of the purchase including an environmental review.

This acquisition will allow Canadian National Railroad to increase rail traffic on the EJ&E tracks from 6 trains a day to 28 trains a day. This non-stop rail traffic would affect not only concerned citizens of New Lenox, Illinois, but citizens from 33 other communities along the EJ&E tracks and will have a tremendous affect on the the quality of life. The increased freight traffic that this acquisition will bring will have impacts on: public safety; traffic flow; emergency services response times; noise levels; property values; pollution; the physical environment - and will have an overall negative affect on 34 Illinois communities.

With the present booming populations in these communities as well as New Lenox (expected population growth from 21,000 residents today to over 90,000 residents by 2030), the increased rail traffic will have a crippling effect on our already congested roads. As a result, I believe that this is an urgent issue that we have to worry about today.

I respectfully request that the STB review this acquisition in greater detail and consider the detrimental long-term effects increased rail traffic will have on these communities.

Sincerely,

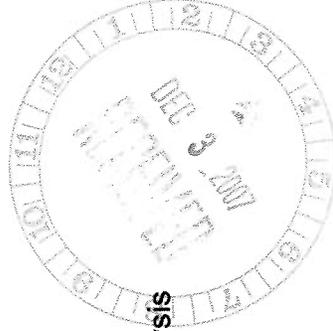
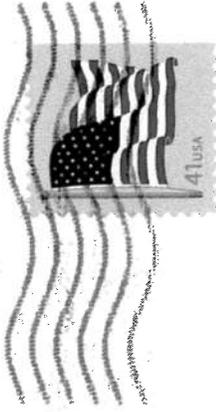


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