

MARQUARDT of BARRINGTON

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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 the significant impact on traffic and access to my business and the greater business community are met.



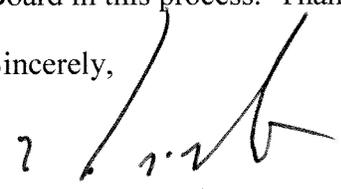
I am the President of Marquardt of Barrington Buick, Pontiac, GMC. My family has owned and operated the business in Barrington for over 50 years. Our company prides itself on our attention to detail and the convenience of our sales and service to the community. The consequences of more than doubling the current freight train traffic through our village would have a devastating impact on both providing a convenient place to do business with as well as our ability to meet our customers needs.



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 myself and others an opportunity to review the true environmental impacts of this transaction. I look forward to working with you and the rest of the Board in this process. Thank you for your consideration.



Sincerely,


Kurt J. Marquardt

President

