

## SECTION II Public Notices

The general public was kept abreast of project activities through meeting announcements in public media outlets as well as through an environmental distribution list that was maintained throughout the project.

1. Public invitation to scoping meetings—On December 28, 2007, SEA sent 350 letters to stakeholders on an environmental distribution list. This mailing announced the scoping open house public meetings as well as the scoping comment period and included the NOI and Draft Scope of Study.
2. Scoping meeting invitation posters—In December, 2007, SEA placed announcement posters in 38 public libraries and one village hall, which together serve 49 communities. The posters, which were prepared in both English and Spanish, advertised the scoping meetings as well as the scoping comment period.
3. Notice of scoping comment period extension—On January 31, 2008, SEA published a notice in the Federal Register that the public scoping comment period would be extended from February 1, 2008 to February 15, 2008. To publicize the extension, postcards were mailed to 3,038 persons on the updated environmental distribution list.
4. Notice of close of scoping comment period postcard—Following the conclusion of the comment period, SEA mailed follow-up postcards on February 25, 2008, acknowledging the receipt of comments and participation in the scoping process. Postcards were mailed to 4,907 persons on the updated environmental distribution list.
5. Notice of Final Scope of Study letter – At the completion of the Final Scope of Study, SEA mailed the Final Scope of Study, the Addendum to the Final Scope of Study, and a return postcard addressing how the public would prefer to review the Draft EIS. On May 8, 2008, the mailing was sent to 4,737 persons on the updated environmental distribution list. The Final Scope of Study and Addendum are available in Section I of this appendix.

## A-II.1 Public Invitation to Scoping Meetings



*SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD*  
*Washington, DC 20423*

*Section of Environmental Analysis*

December 28, 2007  
Name  
Agency  
Address  
City, State ZIP

**Re: Notice of EIS Scoping Meetings for the Proposed Canadian National Railway Company Acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company, STB Finance Docket No. 35087**

Dear \_\_\_\_\_:

On October 30, 2007, the Canadian National Railway Company (CN) (along with its U.S. subsidiary, Grand Trunk Corporation) filed an application with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) seeking to acquire the EJ&E West Company, a wholly owned noncarrier subsidiary of Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company (EJ&E). EJ&E is a Class II railroad that currently operates over 198 miles of track in northeastern Illinois and northwestern Indiana. The proposed acquisition would involve shifting some train traffic currently moving over CN's rail lines in the City of Chicago to the west and south of the City to the EJ&E rail line. The proposed acquisition also involves construction of six new rail connections and about 19 miles of new sidings and double tracking.

To thoroughly assess the potential environmental impacts that may result from the proposed acquisition, the Board, through its Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA), will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The first step of the EIS process is "scoping." Scoping is an open process to determine the range of issues that should be examined and assessed in the EIS. On December 21, 2007, the Board issued a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an EIS for this proceeding. The NOI also included a draft Scope of Study for the EIS, invited comments on the draft Scope of Study, and announced the upcoming scoping meetings. A copy of the NOI is attached for your reference.

Scoping meetings will be held on the dates and at the locations listed below. Each location will have an afternoon and an evening session at the following times: the afternoon session is scheduled from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., and the evening session is scheduled from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. All scoping meetings will be held in an open house format, with the same information presented during each meeting. There is no need to

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attend more than one meeting, but all persons are welcome to attend as many meetings as desired. In keeping with the open house format, there will be no formal presentations made by agency representatives. Rather, SEA staff will be available to answer questions and receive comments individually.

### Public Open House Scoping Meeting Dates and Locations

Date	Location	Address
Tuesday, January 8, 2008	Crowne Plaza Hotel North Shore Salon A/C	510 E. Route 83 Mundelein, IL 60060
Wednesday, January 9, 2008	Makray Memorial Golf Club Grand Ballroom	1010 S. NW Highway Barrington, IL 60010
Thursday, January 10, 2008	Jacob Henry Mansion Ballroom	15 S. Richards Street Joliet, IL 60433
Tuesday, January 15, 2008	Holiday Inn Hotel Willow Room	500 Holiday Plaza Drive Matteson, IL 60443
Wednesday, January 16, 2008	Genesis Convention Center Gary Lakes Room	One Genesis Center Plaza Gary, IN 46402
Thursday, January 17, 2008	St. Andrews Golf Club St. Andrews Room	3N441 Route 59 West Chicago, IL 60185
Tuesday, January 22, 2008	Crowne Plaza Chicago-Metro Ballroom	733 West Madison Chicago, IL 60661

All meetings are from 1:00–4:00 p.m. and 6:00–8:00 p.m.

All meeting facilities comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Persons who need additional special accommodations should call the toll-free project information line: 1-800-347-0689.

Meeting cancellations due to inclement weather will be announced on the toll-free project information line provided above. If a meeting is cancelled, please feel free to attend any of the other scheduled meetings or submit your comments in writing. Comments submitted in writing will receive the same consideration as those submitted during the scoping meetings.

*Written comments on the draft Scope of Study are due February 1, 2008.* After the close of the comment period on the draft Scope of Study, SEA will review all comments received and then issue a final Scope of Study for the EIS. Please send written comments regarding the draft Scope of Study to:

Surface Transportation Board  
395 E Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20423  
Attention: Phillis Johnson-Ball  
Environmental Filing  
STB Finance Docket No. 35087

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Electronic comments may also be submitted by visiting the Board's website, [www.stb.dot.gov](http://www.stb.dot.gov), under the heading E-Filing. Please refer to STB Finance Docket No. 35087 in all correspondence, including E-filings, addressed to the Board.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Phillis Johnson-Ball by leaving a message on the toll-free project information line (1-800-347-0689), or visit the Environmental Matters section of the Board's website ([www.stb.dot.gov](http://www.stb.dot.gov)).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Victoria Rutson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "V".

Victoria Rutson  
Chief  
Section of Environmental Analysis

A-II.2 Scoping Meeting Invitation Posters



**CN | EJ&E**

Environmental Impact Statement

**PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE SCOPING MEETINGS**

The Surface Transportation Board's Section of Environmental Analysis will hold seven public scoping meetings as part of the Environmental Impact Statement process for the proposed Canadian National Railway Acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway.

**Open house scoping meetings are 1–4 PM and 6–8 PM on the following dates and at the following locations:**

**1**  
**Tuesday, January 8, 2008**  
 Crowne Plaza Hotel North Shore  
 510 E. Route 83  
 Mundelein, IL 60060

**2**  
**Wednesday, January 9, 2008**  
 Makray Memorial Golf Club  
 1010 S. NW Highway  
 Barrington, IL 60010

**3**  
**Thursday, January 10, 2008**  
 Jacob Henry Mansion  
 15 S. Richards Street  
 Joliet, IL 60433

**4**  
**Tuesday, January 15, 2008**  
 Holiday Inn Hotel  
 500 Holiday Plaza Drive  
 Matteson, IL 60443

**5**  
**Wednesday, January 16, 2008**  
 Genesis Convention Center  
 One Genesis Center Plaza  
 Gary, IN 46402

**6**  
**Thursday, January 17, 2008**  
 St. Andrews Golf Club  
 3N441 Route 59  
 West Chicago, IL 60185

**7**  
**Tuesday, January 22, 2008**  
 Crowne Plaza Chicago-Metro  
 733 West Madison  
 Chicago, IL 60661

There will be no formal agency presentations; SEA staff will be available to answer questions and take comments. A toll-free project information phone number has been established to assist the public in participating in the EIS process: **1-800-347-0689**.



Comments regarding the draft Scope of Study can be submitted in writing at the meeting or mailed to: Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20423, Attention: Phillis Johnson-Ball, Environmental Filing, STB Finance Docket No. 35087. Environmental comments may also be filed electronically on the Board's website at <[www.stb.dot.gov](http://www.stb.dot.gov)>, under E-Filing.

**Written comments on the draft Scope of Study are due February 1, 2008.**

The meeting facilities comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Persons who need additional special accommodations should call the toll-free number provided above.

## A-II.2 Scoping Meeting Invitation Posters


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DECLARACIÓN DE IMPACTO MEDIOAMBIENTAL

**REUNIONES PÚBLICAS  
DEL ALCANCE**

La Sección de Análisis Medioambiental de la Directiva del Transporte Superficie va a tener siete reuniones públicas del alcance como parte del proceso de la declaración de impacto medioambiental para la adquisición propuesta por el ferrocarril Canadiense Nacional del ferrocarril Elgin, Joliet y Eastern.

**Reuniones públicas del alcance se llevarán a cabo entre la una y las cuatro de la tarde y entre las seis y las ocho de la noche en las siguiente fechas y lugares.**

**1**

Martes, 8 de Enero, 2008  
En el hotel Crowne Plaza North Shore  
510 Este de la Ruta 83  
Mundelein, Illinois 60060

**2**

Miércoles, 9 de Enero, 2008  
En el Club de Golf Makray Memorial  
1010 Sur Northwest Highway  
Barrington, Illinois 60010

**3**

Jueves, 10 de Enero, 2008  
En la mansión Jacob Henry  
15 Sur Richards Street  
Joliet, Illinois 60433

**4**

Martes, 15 de Enero, 2008  
En el hotel Holiday Inn  
500 Holiday Plaza Drive  
Matteson, Illinois 60443

**5**

Miércoles, 16 de Enero, 2008  
En el Centro Convención Génesis  
Uno Génesis Center Plaza  
Gary, Indiana 46402

**6**

Jueves, 17 de Enero, 2008  
En el Club de Golf St Andrews  
3N441 Ruta 59  
West Chicago, Illinois 60185

**7**

Martes, 22 de Enero, 2008  
En el hotel Crowne Plaza Chicago-Metro  
733 Oeste Madison  
Chicago, Illinois 60661

No habrá presentaciones formales de la agencia. El personal del SEA estará disponible contestar a preguntas y para tomar comentarios. Un número de teléfono gratis de la información del proyecto se ha establecido para asistir al público en participar en el proceso de EIS: 1-800-347-0689.



Los comentarios con respecto al borrador del alcance del estudio se pueden someter en escribir en la reunión o enviar a: "Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20423, Atención: Phillis Johnson-Ball, Environmental Filing, STB Finance Docket No. 35087". Los comentarios medioambientales se pueden también archivar electrónicamente en el Web site de la Directiva del Transporte Superficie en <www.stb.dot.gov>, debajo de la E-Filing.

Los comentarios escritos sobre el borrador del alcance del estudio son el 1 de febrero de 2008 debido.

Las instalaciones de la reunión se conforman con los americanos con acto de las inhabilidades. Las personas que necesitan comodidades especiales adicionales deben llamar el número gratis proporcionado arriba.

### A-II.3 Scoping Comment Period Extension Postcard

#### **Deadline for Scoping Comments Extended to February 15, 2008**

The Surface Transportation Board has extended the comment period on the scope of study for the Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed Canadian National Railway acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway. Comments may be submitted any of the following ways:

- **Written Comments:** Mail your comments to:

Surface Transportation Board  
395 E Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20423

Attention: Phillis Johnson-Ball  
Environmental Filing  
STB Finance Docket No. 35087

- **Recorded Comments:** Call the toll-free project information line: 1-800-347-0689.

- **Electronic Comments:** Submit electronic comments by visiting the Board's website, [www.stb.dot.gov](http://www.stb.dot.gov), under the heading "E\_FILING".



Please refer to STB Finance Docket No. 35087 in all correspondence addressed to the Board.

Surface Transportation Board  
395 E Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20423

Attention: Phillis Johnson-Ball  
Environmental Filing  
STB Finance Docket No. 35087

**Comment Deadline Extended**

A-II.4 Notice of Close of Scoping Comment Period Postcard



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February 2008

## Project Update

Thank you for participating in the Surface Transportation Board's scoping process for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Canadian National Railway's proposed acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet, and Eastern Railway. During the scoping period, we received approximately 3000 comments from the public and we are currently working to fully consider them in the Final Scope of Study for the EIS. Once completed, the Final Scope of Study will be available to the public and the Board will proceed with preparing the Draft EIS. The Draft EIS will be made available to the public for review.

For more information, please visit the Board's website ([www.stb.dot.gov](http://www.stb.dot.gov)) and look for Key Cases under Environmental Matters.

**Phillis Johnson-Ball**  
**Surface Transportation Board**  
**395 E Street, SW**  
**Washington, DC 20423**

## A-II.5 Final Scope of Study Letter Draft EIS Request Postcard

Dear EIS Participant,

You have received this final scope of study packet because you are on the Surface Transportation Board's environmental distribution list for the environmental review of the proposed Canadian National Railway Company acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company.



All participants on the environmental distribution list will receive a CD-ROM copy of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS) when it is published. Additionally, paper copies of the Draft EIS will be available in libraries in the study area. The Draft EIS will also be available on the project website: [www.stbfinancedocket35087.com](http://www.stbfinancedocket35087.com)

Return this postcard **ONLY** if you wish to (please check one):

- Review the Draft EIS on the project website in lieu of receiving the CD-ROM.
- Receive a paper copy of the Executive Summary and a CD-ROM of the Draft EIS.
- Be removed from the environmental distribution list.
- Change delivery address (see below).

If your address is different than what is shown here, please provide correct information on the lines below.

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Please return postcard by June 1, 2008.

April 2008

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c/o HDR  
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