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Environmental Impact Statement

Scoping Comment for the Proposed Canadian National Railway Company Acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company STB Finance Docket No. 35087 Comment Form

How Do I Submit Comments?

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- **Written Comments:** Complete and submit this form at the public open house scoping meeting, or follow the directions on the reverse side of this sheet to mail your comments.
- **Recorded Comments:** Provide your comments to a member of the project team or court reporter at this public open house scoping meeting, or call the toll-free project information line: 1-800-347-0689.
- **Electronic Comments:** Submit electronic comments by visiting the Surface Transportation Board's website, www.stb.dot.gov, under the heading "E-Filing."

Please refer to STB Finance Docket No. 35087 in all correspondence addressed to the Surface Transportation Board. Comments must be submitted by February 1, 2008.

My objections to more train travel on these tracks relate to both safety and inconvenience concerns.

My family and I live within one mile of the railroad crossing at Lake Zurich Road in Barrington. Lake Zurich Road leads us (from Cuba Road) to the main thoroughfare of Rt. 14/Northwest Highway. Likewise, we are about a mile from an additional train crossing at Barrington Road and Rt.14/Northwest Highway. Our Barrington Fire Department (including paramedic services) which is on the other side (south) of the tracks on Rt.14 would potentially be unable to travel north to us when these tracks are in use; both of these track intersections prevent them from crossing Rt. 14 and getting to my or my neighbor's homes. In addition, our area hospital which is located north of these tracks, would potentially be blocked to ambulances whenever trains traveled these rails creating loss of time in emergency situations for citizens living south of these tracks.

Also, Barrington has just completed a major park that runs parallel to these train tracks at Lake Zurich Road and increased train travel would also result in increased possibilities for accidents for children of this residential area who need to cross these tracks to get to and from the park.

It is said that train travel will increase by roughly 16 to 24 more freight trains per day. With the limited number of trains that currently travel these rails, we are already experiencing lengthy wait periods on our main thoroughfares at highly congested times of the day for automobile travel. Add to travel inconvenience the fact that we who live even as far as a mile from these tracks hear the freight train noise day and night when these tracks are in use. I hate to think what the noise and travel wait times would be like with the proposed incredible increase of train frequency on these lines should the railroad sale go through.

Thank you for your time.

Cheryl Garcia
Barrington

Surface Transportation Board
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What scoping meeting did you attend? (Please circle): Mundelein, Barrington, Matteson, Gary, West Chicago, Chicago.

Date Rcvd: _____ Name: Cheryl Garcia
HDR File No: _____

YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT!

Address: 25487 W. Cuba Rd.

Comments provided by the public help determine the scope of the environmental review.

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