

*Response Req'd*

Your EIS Scoping Open House on January 16, 2008 was less than satisfying. It left me with more questions than answers and very little time to research issues and make intelligent decisions or ask precise questions. Since time is so short, I will submit these very generic questions which occur to me after one day of reflection. My concern, admittedly, is primarily in Northwest Indiana where I have lived and worked for over 30 years.

How will the acquisition and subsequent Canadian train operations affect American rail lines operating in Northern Illinois and Indiana – BNSF, CSX and NS?

What is the gross number of train movements forecast, including other rail carriers who have or intend to purchase track rights in this corridor? How accurate is the forecast and what is the build-out or forecast year?

Will CN operate an intermodal facility at the Kirk Yard, and if so what is the volume and routes of the truck traffic? Will you include those impacts in your EIS?

How will the acquisition and subsequent train operations affect the proposed NITCD West Lake Corridor commuter line extensions to Lowell and Valparaiso?

How will the acquisition and subsequent train operations affect the proposed expansion of the Gary-Chicago Airport?

How will the acquisition and subsequent train operations affect wildlife and recreation opportunities along the Indiana Dunes lakeshore area?

How will the acquisition and subsequent train operations integrate with the Marquette Plan and what is the position of the Regional Development Authority of Northwest Indiana?

Have regional planning and advocacy groups in Northwest Indiana been invited to participate: Northwest Regional Planning Commission – both its Environmental Policy Committee and Transportation Policy Committee, Isaac Walton League, Lake Michigan Federation, Save the Dunes Council?

Thank you for your consideration of these issues.

Rex Sherrard  
7332 Woodmar Avenue  
Hammond, Indiana 46323

Surface Transportation Board  
CN-EJ&E EIS - FD-35087  
Log and Distribution  
Date Rcvd: \_\_\_\_\_  
HDR File No: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Scanned (Initial): \_\_\_\_\_  
STA BCT #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cc: Original - Job File  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_