

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

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Subject: The buy out of EJ&E railroad by Canadian National

January 9, 2008

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you about the significant impact on my family and our property. We live in Frankfort IL and are very concerned regarding the buy out of EJ&E railroad by Canadian National.

The railroad tracks are about 350 feet from my back door. Prior to buying our home we investigated the trains and the railroad tracks. Currently we have no more than 6 trains a day or less and no more than 20 cars, at the most. It has come to my attention if this buy out takes place there could be up to 30 trains a day. This is quite disturbing to my family and I.

Some concerns, derailment and hazardous materials so close to residential properties, noise "how are we going to get a good night sleep?" whistles at the crossings, vibration and possible structural damage to my home, uncovered coal cars that blow dust through yards and communities, a safety issue that should be considered is the structural integrity of an overpass over Route 45 in Frankfort IL which is about a 1/2 mile down from my house; with 227,000 gross tons per day increase will this overpass be able to handle this increase? An accident at that overpass would be a major disaster in my community and my subdivision. One of the things we would like to see done along the tracks is sound barrier wall like the ones on expressways installed in zoned residential areas. This measure could alleviate some of the pain and aggravation. What is going to happen to our and others property values? How will we be able to sell our property in the future?

We would like you to **PLEASE** take this letter in consideration and to weigh out options in this matter that affect our community and many more along the 300-mile track.

Sincerely concerned Frankfort resident,

Kenneth Gillette and Family

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