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Surface Transportation Board

Subject: CN Railway Acquisition of the EJ&E Railway

Dear Sir:

Please take into account the safety of the motoring public in your consideration of the acquisition of the EJ&E Railway by the CN Railway. Due to the proposed large increase in the number of trains per day many roadways will be blocked by train traffic. I would ask that you require the CN Railway to perform traffic studies or simulations to determine the amount of time road crossings will be blocked. If the road crossings are blocked excessively the CN Railway should be required to build roadway over passes. The roads which I believe should be studied in Will County include the following: Harlem Ave., Sauk Trail, Wolf Road, School House Road, Gougar Road, Briggs Street, Renwick Road, and Main Street Plainfield.

Due to the large increase in trains per day you should require the CN Railway to request "quiet zones" from the Illinois Commerce Commission with whistle bans to protect the public environment from whistle noise for the following communities: Frankfort, New Lenox, Joliet, Crest Hill and Plainfield.

Sincerely Yours,

Tom Weigel