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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

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How Do I Submit Comments?

- **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.

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1. Traffic congestion along E.J. & R would increase by 300 % if this proposal is enacted.
2. Delays for transporting School children to and from schools would occur daily as there is no way to bypass the trains.
3. Trains the length proposed would block multiple intersections far longer then they already do and multiply delays ten fold.
4. Trains now passing an intersection take from 10 to 15 minutes and are not the length proposed.
5. Emergency vehicles would be forced to delay taking emergency cases to the hospitals. (Good Shepard, etc.)
6. The possibility of Toxic waste passing by High Schools , Grammar & Junior High and homes within 100 feet of rail tracks endangering everyone.
7. The value of homes and properties loosing their value do to the increase of congestion and hazards for the general population associated with train traffic.
8. This rail system in the majority of cases does not have overpasses or underpasses in conjunction with the roads that it passes over.
9. Businesses would also be adversely effected with longer delays and increased costs in obtaining and delivering there goods.
10. All of the communities effected are far more then the few shown at the meeting addressing this problem. They did not include those whose population pass through daily on their way too and from work, shopping, etc. (Wauconda, Island Lake, Fox River Grove, Cary, Fox Lake, just to name a few) Of the few major roads in the area this proposal would effect the majority with delays.
11. I have lived near the Cuba Road crossing for more than 20 years, in that time when ever a train blocks the road divers seek alternate ways around it. They take Rainbow Road as an alternate around the congestion and speed down a 25 m.p.h. road at rates of 45 m.p.h. or better. This endangers all who live and play on this road.

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YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT!

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

Date: JAN 14, 2008