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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.

Our business is located on Route 176 in Rondout between the EJ & E Railway and Route 43 (Waukegan Road). Route 176 is one lane of traffic in each direction. On Tuesday January 8, 2008 at 6:10 a.m. until 7:40 a.m. the gates at the crossing at the EJ & E Railway on Route 176 were down for an hour and a half. The Lake County Sheriff's Department was called. He was still at the crossing at 7:40 a.m. The traffic was backed up all the way east of Route 43 and to the west of the railway past Bradley Road. This is almost an every day occurrence in Rondout.

On approximately Monday, Dec. 31, 2007 in the morning, the gates were down again for quite awhile. A Deputy Sheriff was called again, and had to hold up the gate to let the cars pass through from the east, and then he held up the gate to let the cars pass through from the west, alternating between the two gates until they went up.

On approximately Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2007 in the morning, the gates were down again, for about an hour. The Sheriff's Department was called again. After about 5 minutes, the gates went up.

300 feet to the west of the EJ & E Railway is a commuter and freight railway owned by Canadian National. This railway goes north from Chicago to Kenosha and branches directly west in Rondout through Green Oaks continuing on to Fox Valley. Every time a freight train goes through this railway, traffic backs up for a good 45 minutes, in particular at peak times, morning, noon, and afternoon hours. The impact of increased trains on the EJ & E along with the congestion already with the other Canadian National line would be a nightmare trying to get through this area.

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YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT!

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