



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](http://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.

I am 100% against the proposed increases in train crossings; i.e. activity, because of the following negative impact its increased traffic would cause.

1. The most immediate danger involves the delays the increased freight traffic would pose to slow down Fire trucks, ambulances and other equipment needed in an emergency. In Barrington, the increased train activity would create a fence separating the village into two dysfunctional halves.
2. Increased train traffic would cause more serious vehicle congestion. Present lane configuration on Hough and Barrington Road create and maintain the character of Barrington, which is to maintain a residential setting with limits on speed limits.
3. Statistically, and with consideration of the great number of crossings that would be involved, the number of serious and/or fatal accidents will increase.
4. School buses and school traffic would be affected and negatively impacted. The sheer number of trains to be added will essentially bring the traffic to a halt.
5. Serious delays in traffic and daily restrictions to access everyday destinations from every side for residents will cause Barrington and any surrounding villages to suffer a decrease in property values and desirability to existing and prospective homeowners.

Until the public is given more realistic numbers; travel times for this additional traffic, crossing times and anticipated delays times in real minutes I can only state that this would be disastrous to our community. The railroad's representative, at the Barrington scoping was arrogant and evasive. So based on what the public has been told you must reject or delay this acquisition based on the lack of specifics and the lack of any benefit what so ever to the residents and homeowner in Barrington.

Norman J. Rosenfeld 1.9.08

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What scoping meeting did you attend? (Please circle): Mundelein, Barrington, Joliet, Matteson, Gary, West Chicago, Chicago.

Date Rcvd: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: NORMAN ROSENFELD

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## YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT!

Comments provided by the public help determine the scope of the environmental review. Scanned (Initial): \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: BARRINGTON IL 60010

STA ECT #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cc: Original Job File Date: 1/9/08

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