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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.

I feel that the traffic issues that this acquisition will create is overwhelming. In particular the ~~2~~ crossings in the Village of Barrington on major highways. This would effect commuting - surrounding ~~ineffected~~ ^{by RR} roads getting more traffic on already congested roads. As it is rush hour started before 6 AM. if you want to move. It is my understanding that in Franklin Park it took the tax payers 2 years + 44 million to put in an underpass - the railroad who created the issue should have paid. Businesses in Barrington will be affected + avoided as too much trouble due to congestion. The noise, air disturbance, pollution will be incredible. The village already has one high speed train, another + longer trains will be devastating. Outside the village there are various other crossings that will be impacted + forever degraded by the train near their house + crossing the roads of Otis, Ela + Cuba.

What are emergency vehicles to do when they wait for 20 to 25 min. for a train to pass? The villages will have to build more services, but still they can't get to the nearest hospital in time - AT THE TAXPAYERS COST.

It appears that the purpose of this proposal is to take traffic further out around Chicago. It would have less impact if a R.R. were built FAR WEST of the SUBURBS. It is time we think of our overall infrastructure FOR THE FUTURE + DO IT RIGHT, not the cheap, political for today that falls apart + creates problems tomorrow like ~~prime~~ sub prime loans

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

YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT!

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

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