

January 9, 2008

To: Surface Transportation Board

Re: Proposed acquisition of EJ&E Railroad by the Canadian National Railroad.

I strongly urge the STB to conduct a comprehensive study to determine the environmental impact of the above proposed merger. I ask that the Board examine closely the effects the additional trains will have on local communities and their environments. These include but are not limited to noise in residential and wildlife areas (such as the Cuba Marsh), vehicular traffic congestion, and impact on emergency responders.

The EJ&E crosses eight roads in the Barrington area, most of them major arterial roads. The impact of the additional train traffic will be significant. The CN should be required to mitigate the effects of this additional traffic as a condition for approval. The diseconomies of this acquisition should not be borne by the local residents who live and work in the area so that a corporate outsider may benefit.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Paul J. Schnepf".

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