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Ms. Phillis Johnson-Ball
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Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, SW
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Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball,

Our department has received the letter from Ms. Victoria Rutson, Chief Section of Environmental Analysis regarding the Canadian National Railway Company (CN) proposed acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet, and Eastern Railway Company (EJ&E).

The Waukegan Fire Departments interest in this matter is strictly that of a public safety issue. As the EJ&E tracks are located within our jurisdiction, our only concern would be if there was any relocation of the tracks from the current geographical location. Any such relocation could, of course, impact access routes for our emergency response vehicles.

Please accept this communication as our written comments in this regard.

Sincerely,

Patrick Gallagher
Fire Chief

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