



VILLAGE OF BARRINGTON

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Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423
Attention: Phillis Johnson-Ball
Environmental Filling
STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Surface Transportation Board,

The Village of Barrington and surrounding communities rely on the Village of Barrington for essential services and the Village's Public Works Department is responsible to provide many of these essential services. Increased traffic on the EJ & E rail line will result in significant disruption in our ability to respond to emergencies as well as provide routine services. I have provided several examples in which significant functions of the Public Works Department will be affected by an increase in rail traffic.

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The Village of Barrington Public Works facility, including the waste water treatment plant and fueling station (used by all departments, including Police and Fire) is located off Lake Cook Road, just west of the EJ&E crossing. Emergency response from this facility will be impacted by the increase in rail traffic blocking Lake Cook. This will impact shared police and water & sewer services provided to the Village of Inverness and fire and emergency medical services provided to the Barrington Countryside Fire Protection District.

The EJ&E tracks separate the Village's Public Works facility from the water towers and the entire related infrastructure required to provide this essential service. A significant delay at the tracks will adversely impact response times in the event of system emergencies, such as water and sewer main breaks.

The Village of Barrington is responsible for snow removal/salting on Lake-Cook Road and other rights-of-way within the Village limits. These routes serve travelers from the surrounding communities, and are serviced from the Village's Public Works facility. Increased delays at the tracks will increase

snow and weather-related hazards, by slowing our response/cycle times for snow removal and salting.

Please recognize the challenges we as a Public Works Department will face in continuing to provide services to the community, especially during emergency situations, as you consider the impacts of increase rail traffic by the proposed acquisition of the EJ & E by the Canadian National.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis Burmeister". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Dennis Burmeister
Director of Public Works, Village of Barrington

Copy Denise Pieroni, Village Manager, Village of Barrington