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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

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### How Do I Submit Comments?

- **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.

It is crucial that the EIS study the following:

- ① impact of increased freight/rail traffic on public safety. Specifically, within the Barrington area the effect of multiple long trains on traffic with ~~the~~ lengthened response times by police/fire/paramedics.
- ② impact of increased traffic on noise and air pollution especially with respect to the expected amount of auto/truck emissions due to increased traffic congestion.
- ③ impact of increased ~~to~~ train traffic on schools - lengthened travel time for busses, likelihood of parents switching to private auto to mitigate those increased bus times with accompanying ↑ safety risks, pollution, etc.
- ④ impact on overall quality of life of Barrington (and other affected communities) residents due to worsened auto congestion resulting from increased rail traffic.
- ⑤ impact on property values in affected communities from BOTH increased train traffic, worsened traffic congestion, AND the effects of possible mitigation strategies.

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

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### **YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT!**

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