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To the STB: Finance Docket No. 35087

The following are my concerns regarding the Canadian National Railroad Acquisition of the EJ&E Rail Line.

- 1) Barrington already has many traffic issues as people from surrounding areas use Route 14, Route 59, Lake Cook Road and Cuba Road as thoroughfares. Increased freight traffic will magnify this problem immeasurably!
- 2) Barrington High School is located close to one of the crossings. Many students walk to school. Increased train traffic could endanger pedestrians.
- 3) I'm dread the increased noise pollution (clanking on the track/whistles) that 15 more freight trains a day will bring to our community.
- 4) The safety of our community will be compromised because our emergency vehicles will be cut off from many parts of our village and surrounding areas each time a train comes through.
- 5) Trains that stop on the track and block crossing cause major delays. I have experienced this on more that one occasion at the Cuba Road crossing.

Thank you for listening to my concerns.



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