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**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD'S SECTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS
EXTENDS PUBLIC SCOPING PERIOD ON PROPOSED CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY
ACQUISITION OF ELGIN, JOLIET & EASTERN RAILWAY**

The Surface Transportation Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) has announced that it is extending to **February 15, 2008** the deadline for members of the public to submit comments on the proposed scope of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) being prepared in connection with an application filed by Canadian National Railway and Grand Trunk Corporation (together, CN) to acquire the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway.

Because the proposed acquisition has the potential to result in significant environmental impacts, the Board has determined that the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is appropriate. To help determine the scope of the EIS, SEA has prepared and published a Draft Scope of Study for the EIS, which is available on the Board's Web site (www.stb.dot.gov) under "Environmental Matters," "Key Cases" and "Canadian National Railway-EJ&E Railway," and is also available in English and Spanish by calling **1-800-347-0689**.

In response to various requests, SEA is extending the period for commenting on the Draft Scope to **February 15, 2008**. Comments on the Draft Scope can be submitted in any of three ways:

-->*In writing*, by mailing comments (which must be postmarked by February 15, 2008) to:

**Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423**

**Attention: Phillis Johnson-Ball
Environmental Filing
STB Finance Docket No. 35087**

-->*Electronically*, on the Board's Web site, www.stb.dot.gov, by clicking on the "E-FILING" link. You do not need a Login Account to submit Environmental Comments. Simply click on "Environmental Comments," which will take you to the comment screen. Type in the docket number, "FD 35087." Select "Phillis Johnson-Ball" in the drop down list under "attention of." Then complete the form by adding your name, address, phone and email, and click "Submit."

-->*By telephone*, to SEA's toll-free hotline established for this proceeding. Dial 1-800-347-0689 and leave your comments after the tone.

This is the first opportunity to submit comments during the environmental review process. Following scoping, SEA will prepare a Draft EIS (DEIS) and will distribute it widely for public review and comment. Questions may be directed to Phillis Johnson-Ball, SEA Project Manager, toll-free at **1-800-347-0689** (TDD for the hearing impaired **1-800-877-8339**). For further information on deadlines and dates, please also see [the Board's decision in Canadian National Ry. and Grand Trunk Corp.—Control—EJ&E West Co., STB Finance Docket No. 35087](#), which is available for viewing and downloading on the agency's Web site at <http://www.stb.dot.gov> under "E-Library," then under "Decisions & Notices," beneath the date "11/26/07." Printed copies of the Board decision also are available for a fee by contacting **ASAP Document Solutions, 9332 Annapolis Rd., Suite 103, Lanham, MD 20706, telephone (202) 306-4004, or via asapdc@verizon.net**.

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