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RAILWAY COMPANY ACQUISITION OF THE

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ELGIN, JOLIET AND EASTERN RAILWAY COMPANY

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STATEMENT OF:

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Ronald Kelly

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AUGUST 26, 2008

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CROWN PLAZA CHICAGO NORTH SHORE  
510 EAST ROUTE 83  
MUNDELEIN, ILLINOIS

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Ronald Kelly. 47 Squire, Hawthorne

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Woods.

3 I guess my biggest concerns are the  
4 first thing is my property is probably valued at  
5 about \$650,000. I mean, there is basically six to  
6 eight trains now. What does that do to my property  
7 value when now there is 24 trains going through?

8 What does it do to the structure of my  
9 house? What does it do to the extra traffic on the  
10 trains? The cost of my house, my property value is  
11 my biggest concern.

12 Second concern, Hawthorne Woods seems  
13 to be left out. We have two intersections in  
14 Hawthorne Woods, McHenry and Gilmore Roads. Both  
15 could potentially be blocked at the same time.  
16 Anybody that is on the south side of those  
17 intersections and has children who go to school, the  
18 schools are both on the north side. So, therefore,  
19 if those are blocked, one, you have the problem of  
20 getting kids back and forth to school because they  
21 are going to be late.

22 Two, you have the safety issue.  
23 Somebody, God forbid, has a heart attack, something  
24 medical on either side the train is blocked, how is

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1 the ambulance going to come?

2 As far as I have read through the  
3 correspondence we have got, nothing has been granted  
4 to Hawthorne Woods. Basically they have looked  
5 completely over Hawthorne Woods, a community of  
6 6,000 to 6,500 people; a community that sat for 40  
7 years. They are not offering anything.

8 I also heard they were going to want to  
9 put a dual track in at some time. How are you going  
10 do that? It will be in my backyard. There is not  
11 enough space to put two tracks in there. Are they  
12 going to buy us out? What are they going to do?

13 I am very concerned safety issue above  
14 all, home value second. In general, it seems we are  
15 the ones left behind here. At that point, you know,  
16 Canadian National wants to push it through at no  
17 cost.

18 They have already given the board an  
19 ultimatum; make a decision by December, or we are  
20 going to back out of the deal. Go ahead and back  
21 out of the deal. They are not going to back out of  
22 the deal because they are a big corporation. We are  
23 the ones left out here.

24 At this point, I mean, I have no

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1 recourse as a private citizen because the board is  
2 going to make the decision the board wants to make  
3 anyway. I feel regardless of what we say as  
4 homeowners and residents of the community it really  
5 doesn't matter.

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