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SCOPING MEETING FOR THE PROPOSED CANADIAN
NATIONAL RAILWAY COMPANY ACQUISITION OF THE
ELGIN, JOLIET AND EASTERN RAILWAY COMPANY

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STATEMENT OF:

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EILEEN DISHONG

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AUGUST 27, 2008

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BARRINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

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616 WEST MAIN STREET

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BARRINGTON, ILLINOIS

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MS. DISHONG: Eileen Dishong, 401
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2 Martin Court, Barrington.

3 You know, I have, like, 10,000
4 things I want to say, but the most
5 important ones are: I'm petrified of the
6 safety issue involved in this with
7 getting people to the hospital and these
8 railroad crossings being blocked.

9 I just witnessed one not too
10 long ago on Lake Zurich Road where the
11 gates came down, there were four
12 fire/police cars, a truck, an ambulance,
13 and two lead cars who had to sit there and
14 wait for 3 1/2 minutes. We watched it on
15 our car clock. And when the gates went up,
16 I just thought if that person had a heart
17 attack, wherever they're going back here in
18 these neighborhoods, that person is in
19 trouble.

20 And the other thing I'm really
21 concerned about is the environmental impact
22 along the EJ&E line with all these freight
23 trains coming through. There's a freight
24 train stopped there the other day alongside

1 the Cuba Marsh Trail idling, belching, the
2 diesel smell of the fuel was just
3 overwhelming. We had to pull our T-shirts
4 up over our faces and run to our cars from

5 the trail because it was just disgusting,
6 and the sound was obnoxious. So add 22 of
7 those, plus the pollution plus that
8 beautiful gorgeous prairie, and it's gone.

9 Property values, everybody knows
10 that's going to drop.

11 All about our services, our
12 library services and our schools, which is
13 the most important thing to me. If these
14 kids can't get to school on time or they
15 have to start staggered school starting and
16 ending periods, it's going to completely
17 ruin the reason why people moved to
18 Barrington, which is for their blue ribbon
19 school district. So that, above everything
20 else, I think is more important.

21 And I don't want my property
22 value to dump.

23 (End of statement.)

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