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**Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed
Canadian National Railway Company Acquisition of the
Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company
STB Finance Docket No. 35087**

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Transcript:

I'm call in opposition to the merger of Canadian Northern for this reason: I'm calling because additional noise pollution in the area. It will be hazardous, extremely hazardous in the densely populated area. And I have personal very personal experience in this area. I live near the Canadian Northern, correction, the Burlington Northern/Santa Fe tracks on the west side of Aurora. Because of the noise pollution at the grade level crossings required by the trains to sound their whistles for times at each crossing. I presently have major brain problems, (epilepsy) and living near the tracks and additional noise pollution in that area I'm sure will cause additional problems because of the noise and sleep depravation by myself and other people in that area. It's gonna cause serious medical problems. I can't prove that problem has caused my problems. I certainly feel strongly that it has. I never had that problem before living near the railroad tracks. I've lived here for an extended period of time. When I travel away from the tracks I am able to sleep uninhibited. Near the railroad tracks I am awake or awoken several times at night, three, four, five times at night. And I know that's going to happen. The track that I lived with is traveled very heavily by trains. I was told by the Cicero yard manager that this track that I live near is the heaviest traveled in the State of Illinois with up to 75 trains a day one every 20 minutes. I know the traffic on the EJ&E supposedly gonna have much less than that at this time, but rest assured over the years they are going to ask for an increase even if they put it in their present documentation that they are going to only have their 20 or whatever a day and I'm not sure how many they are going to have, you can rest assured they are going to ask for an increase and then they're going to ask for another one and then ask for another one before too long they are going to be right up there where everybody that lives along that track is going to have the same problems that anybody else that lives next to a busy railroad track is going to have. So I request and I request very strongly that you don't approve the merger. Please contact me and I would be more than happy to tell you about the terrible problems that I have. I've had to quit working and it's not a lot of fun. Thank you and good-bye. Please call me at area (630) 892-6670 Bye.