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3 ELGIN, JOLIET AND EASTERN RAILWAY COMPANY
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9 STATEMENT OF:

10 LAURIE SUMMERS

11 JANUARY 15, 2008

12 HOLIDAY INN

13 500 HOLIDAY PLAZA DRIVE

14 MATTESON, ILLINOIS
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16 **Surface Transportation Board**

17 **CN-EJ&E EIS - FD-35087**

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1 MS. SUMMERS: Laurie, L-a-u-r-i-e,
2 Summers.

3 Life safety issues. Crossing the
4 tracks, the tracks blocked and people not having
5 access to getting to hospitals. And this would
6 be outside of like just where the railroad, you
7 know, the small little area they're talking
8 about. We're talking about towns that are
9 farther south of the tracks, Beecher, Crete area.
10 Not being able to get to St. James Hospital. In
11 Chicago Heights.

12 Another one of the questions that we
13 had as far as the diesel fumes and that type of
14 thing, environmentally wise, how far out do they
15 do their environmental study. Schools and things
16 like that along the track area, if it's, you
17 know, the trains aren't moving, does that have an
18 effect on what they decide to do. If the trains
19 are backed up, how long will they be blocking the
20 crossings. Is there a limit to what they can do.

21 I know that the Metra train -- the
22 Metra and not the one that runs north south but
23 east west also has precedence over crossing
24 before the east trains do and how far will these

1 trains be backed up when that happens.

2 In the towns that are going to be
3 affected with the, you know, ambulance service,
4 fire service, anything like that, it's going to
5 be -- Steger will be another town.

6 There's no overpasses. I have a big
7 issue with the ambulance getting delayed. Just
8 like she said, the longer the delay of time, the
9 greater chance for brain damage or death and
10 three to four minutes makes a huge difference.

11 I talked about the schools within the
12 proximity. There's one in Chicago Heights. It's
13 probably 750 feet away from the railroad tracks.
14 Again are they looking into the asthma and that
15 type of stuff because there's a lot of studies
16 with the diesel fuel out there. They really need
17 to take a good long look at those. That's
18 basically it for me. I think that's enough.

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