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1 SCOPING MEETING FOR THE PROPOSED CANADIAN
2 NATIONAL RAILWAY COMPANY ACQUISITION OF THE
3 ELGIN, JOLIET AND EASTERN RAILWAY COMPANY
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9 STATEMENT OF:
10 MICHELLE OEHLERKING
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12 AUGUST 26, 2008
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14 CROWNE PLAZA CHICAGO NORTH SHORE
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1 Michelle Oehlerking, 24 Squire,
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2 S-q-u-i-r-e, Road, Hawthorn Woods.

3 Before the meeting started, I
4 listened to a gentleman talk about the
5 decibel level that would be affected along
6 the railroad tracks. By CNR's own
7 admission, one of the primary reasons for
8 them to expand their business interests was
9 in chemical and petrochemical production --
10 transportation, not production.

11 There's been no allowance by the
12 STB for any easement around the railroad
13 tracks for chemical accidents, but they're
14 worried about the decibel level on each
15 side of the tracks. The STB has been
16 remiss in looking at some very serious
17 consequences of transporting hazardous
18 waste, chemicals, and petrochemicals.

19 And my second point is, why
20 hasn't the STB seriously considered moving
21 this entire project further west where
22 there is a lot less population and where
23 this could be done properly, up-front -- or
24 done properly so that it could be well

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1 thought out instead of putting it in an
2 area where there is already so much
3 population around the railroad tracks.

4 One more thing. When Route 53
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5 was being considered to go through our
6 area, the Illinois Department of
7 Transportation had easement for the highway
8 that was very large and included a lot of
9 different statistics to arrive at a
10 reasonable amount of distance around the
11 highway. There are houses that are 300
12 feet from the railroad. This is not
13 acceptable.

14 (End of statement.)
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