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1 SCOPING MEETING FOR THE PROPOSED CANADIAN NATIONAL
2 RAILWAY COMPANY ACQUISITION OF THE
3 ELGIN, JOLIET AND EASTERN RAILWAY COMPANY
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9 STATEMENT OF:
10 CHRISTINE BILLINGS
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12 September 11, 2008
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14 HOLIDAY INN HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER
15 411 SOUTH LARKIN AVENUE
16 JOLIET, ILLINOIS
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1 MS. BILLINGS: Christine,
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2 C-h-r-i-s-t-i-n-e, Billings,
3 B-i-l-l-i-n-g-s.

4 My main concern with the
5 acquisition is the fact that I live right
6 near a rail crossing. I'm one house away
7 from the rail crossing. And my primary
8 concern is quality of life and home value.

9 with 28 trains a day going
10 through our rail crossing, it will make it
11 hard for me to access my home because the
12 cars back up. I mean, right now with six
13 trains a day it will back up, but it's for
14 a few minutes. These trains are really
15 longer, and there is going to be more of
16 them.

17 So I could be literally sitting
18 in a car looking at my house and not be
19 able to get there because of the train
20 congestion.

21 I'm worried about the cars just
22 sitting there, never being able to have my
23 windows open again in my house, never being
24 able to sell my house because when could I

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1 ever show a house with traffic backed up in
2 front of my house all day basically? No
3 one would want to buy that house. So my
4 other concern is property value.

5 If they approve this
6 acquisition, I'm going to be basically
7 sitting with a house that no one would ever
8 buy from me, and a house that would not be
9 worth what we paid for it or even what it
10 would have been worth 20 years ago.

11 That's my problem.

12 (End of statement.)

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