

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 JEFF BEAL

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12 HOLIDAY INN

13 500 HOLIDAY PLAZA DRIVE

14 Surface Transportation Board, ILLINOIS

15 CN-EJ&E EIS - FD-35087

16 Log and Distribution

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22 Co-Chairman Job File

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1 MR. BEAL: Jeff Beal, B-e-a-l. 16120
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3 I just -- you know, to me it would be
4 a good thing to move some traffic around the city
5 instead of through it because I mean, yeah, the
6 people out here may be inconvenienced, but it's a
7 little easier -- you know, I mean traffic is bad
8 where every. In the city, it's just a bottle
9 neck and a gridlock, rail traffic and vehicular
10 traffic.

11 So I think if this goes through and
12 they do the infrastructure improvements like
13 capital project, like grade crossing upgrades,
14 signaling upgrades.

15 I'm a signal maintainer for the
16 Baltimore and Ohio Chicago Terminal Railroad. So
17 I know, you know, about moving trains and moving
18 them efficiently. So my curiosity coming to the
19 meeting is that are they going to upgrade the
20 signaling system. Are they going to upgrade the
21 crossing protection not knowing what EJ&E has out
22 there now, you know.

23 So it was just more professional
24 curiosity to come and see how they plan to go

1 about, you know, if it all goes through. That's
2 really it.

3 It's not -- you know, I'm not
4 complaining about the noise or the traffic, you
5 know. I worked for the railroad for 35 years. I
6 know it's noisy. It's not as noisy as it used to
7 be, you know.

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