

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 DEBORAH WALL
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12 AUGUST 26, 2008
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14 CROWNE PLAZA CHICAGO NORTH SHORE
15 510 EAST ROUTE 83
16 MUNDELEIN, ILLINOIS
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1 Deborah wall, D-e-b-o-r-a-h,
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2 w-a-l-l, Hawthorn Woods, Illinois; 61
3 Harborside Way.

4 My comment is about the traffic
5 problems and our concern with the emergency
6 medical response time. We live in an area
7 where we'd be on the same side of the track
8 having fire protection and emergency
9 response. However, we would not be able to
10 get to the hospital. The hospital is on
11 the other side of the tracks. The nearest
12 hospital is on the west side of Lake
13 Zurich. We would probably be a 15-,
14 20-minute drive, if not longer, depending
15 on the traffic to get to Lake Zurich.

16 The other issue is looking at
17 the numbers of traffic on the
18 Gilmer/Midlothian corridor there that
19 crosses the EJ&E tracks, the study was done
20 in 2007. 2007 a lot of traffic did not
21 come through on Gilmer Road because they
22 had a road under construction, totally
23 closed off at Fairfield and Gilmer. It was
24 an 18-month construction project, took a

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1 lot of traffic off Gilmer as it went
2 around. And I think a lot of it went south
3 and impacted the Old McHenry and Midlothian
4 over the EJ&E tracks at that point. So

5 they got more traffic down there.

6 Also, at the same period of time
7 Route 22 was under construction, and a lot
8 of traffic shifted north. So we had that
9 old McHenry corridor I think is kind of
10 overstated. The Gilmer crossing would have
11 been understating the amount of traffic,
12 old McHenry.

13 The other thing would be is that
14 right now on Gilmer Road traffic in the
15 morning will back up one to two miles on a
16 normal basis. If a railroad train comes
17 through there, it will back up much
18 farther. In the evening, coming from the
19 opposite direction in the east, it will
20 back up quite a distance also; probably
21 more than two miles on a normal basis.

22 Also, my concern is also there
23 is a grade school that was not even located
24 on the Surface Transportation Board's maps

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1 that will be definitely impacted. It's on
2 the wrong side of the tracks for the fire
3 department, for any fire department to get
4 through. So we have children that will now
5 have no fire protection.

6 That's the end of my comments.
7 Thank you.

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8 (End of statement.)

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