

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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STATEMENT OF:

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BETH GLASS

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AUGUST 27, 2008

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BARRINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

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616 MAIN STREET

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BARRINGTON, ILLINOIS

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MS. GLASS: Beth Glass, issues of
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2 concern that I have are regarding safety for
3 children, emergency vehicles trying to cross
4 over and back and forth with the railroad.

5 I am concerned about community
6 integration dissolving because of the increased
7 traffic of the trains. We have a lot of
8 festivals in town and that would create a lot
9 of traffic, a lot of hassle for people trying
10 to come back and forth.

11 I am also concerned about the
12 increase of pollution, increase of traffic on a
13 daily basis. We have a lot of commuters going
14 back and forth through Barrington, just in the
15 cars and things like that.

16 I am also concerned about the
17 difficulties it will have for the Metra trains
18 to try and go back and forth. I take that on a
19 daily basis and rely on that to get to and from
20 work in a timely manner.

21 I am also concerned about noise
22 pollution. As it is, you can hear the
23 railroads at night when we are trying to go to
24 sleep. And I know it is not the Metra. So

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1 having that many trains through, even if they
2 decided to try to schedule them differently, it
3 is going to affect sleeping patterns for
4 people. So it is very difficult.

5 They are clearly going to affect our
6 property value. So that's also of concern.
7 Barrington in this whole recession has pretty
8 much maintained this level. If we have this
9 increased traffic, I have concern it would drop
10 values. Our taxes will increase. I don't see
11 this company either being somebody who is
12 willing to work with the people or work within
13 our government system to try and make
14 accommodations and make things because of their
15 previous behavior.

16 So those are my concerns as I see
17 them and hope that this increased train traffic
18 doesn't occur.

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