

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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6 STATEMENT OF:
7 MARTHA BOGARD
8 AUGUST 27, 2008
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12 BARRINGTON HIGH SCHOOL
13 616 WEST MAIN STREET
14 BARRINGTON, ILLINOIS
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1 MS. MARTHA BOGARD: My name is
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2 Martha Bogard, and I live in Deer Park, and
3 my property is right in front of the
4 railroad tracks of EJ&E. My major concern
5 is the safety issue in getting emergency
6 vehicles into our area. If there is
7 someone ill, my sister has asthma, we have
8 other sick people in the neighborhood,
9 emergency vehicles can't get over the
10 tracks to get to the hospital or even to
11 pick us up. The rate of instances OF
12 possible death could increase, and that's a
13 major concern.

14 The people should be the primary
15 concern and not the railroad tracks. We
16 are citizens of the United States. This is
17 a Canadian firm trying to purchase our
18 railroad tracks, and how many railroad
19 tracks does a Canadian company have to
20 purchase before it's considered a monopoly
21 of the United States railroads? They have
22 purchased many railroads in the United
23 States recently, and how many more can they
24 purchase before the United States considers

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1 it a monopoly and a possible hazard to the
2 citizens of the United States?

3 Also I think Homeland Security
4 should get involved with this because it is
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5 a foreign company purchasing an American
6 railroad.

7 (End of statement.)

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