

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 KATHLEEN PHELAN
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. PHELAN: My name is Kathleen
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2 Phelan. I am the trauma coordinator at
3 Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital in
4 Barrington, Illinois. I'm the trauma
5 coordinator there. I live in Fox River
6 Grove, Illinois.

7 I am strongly opposed to the
8 Canadian National's purchase of the EJ&E.
9 I oppose this because I am concerned about
10 a delay in treatment of patients that will
11 be held by the trains, by the delay in
12 trains. Treatment of these patients,
13 traumatically injured patients, can only be
14 cared for at trauma centers. The treatment
15 will be delayed. The paramedics are only a
16 stop gap in the treatment of trauma
17 patients. They can provide some initial
18 stabilization. They cannot provide the
19 same services as an emergency room
20 physician or a trauma surgeon. If they do
21 not get to the trauma centers in a
22 reasonable amount of time, lives will be
23 lost. Transferring patients to another
24 hospital in the area is not the answer.

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1 There will still be an extended transfer
2 time. Therefore, by the paramedics and
3 physician care will be denied, patient
4 lives will be lost.

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