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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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DEBORAH SCHOEN

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AUGUST 28, 2008

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BARTLETT HIGH SCHOOL

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701 SCHICK ROAD

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BARTLETT, ILLINOIS

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MS. SCHOEN: My name is Deborah,
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2 D-e-b-o-r-a-h, Schoen, S-c-h-o-e-n. My address is
3 31 West 639 Percheron Lane, Wayne, Illinois.

4 We have very many personal concerns
5 about the railroad tracks going in. Right now it
6 is four, approximately four, trains per day.
7 Sometimes one may go through a little longer, and
8 other times we might have five. You know, some
9 less. It depends. But we do have a daily train
10 that goes by about 12:15 a.m.

11 So some of our personal concerns is our
12 home is located between Army Trail Road and Smith
13 Road, with our backyard up against the EJ&E
14 tracks. The horns go before each crossing going
15 north or south. It is bad enough with four trains
16 each day, which we are usually able to tolerate,
17 but think of ten trains blaring their horns
18 between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

19 Our family wakes up at the daily
20 12:15 a.m. train, but we are usually able to go
21 back to sleep in a reasonable amount of time. The
22 continuous noise level, along with the pollution,
23 will be intolerable if this goes through.

24 Our second concern is pictures show our

1 lot line and home lie, to the rocks around the
2 rails -- there is a lot of rocks around the train
3 tracks -- only 46 feet 8 inches. From the lot
4 line to our fence line around our backyard pool,

5 it is 19 feet 5 inches, for a total of only 66
6 feet 1 inch. Continuing on to our home, it is a
7 total of 127 feet 1/2 inch. Being that close to
8 the rails, along with the vibration, with any
9 possible hazardous waste, is dangerous to our
10 home, family, and health.

11 Our third concern is our well is close,
12 and we have great concern that the aquifer will
13 have damage to the water table that all in the
14 village of wayne depend on.

15 We are concerned with the response time
16 for medical emergencies. Having heart problems,
17 the response time could be life-threatening.

18 Five, we have Koi ponds in our backyard
19 that are frequented by the wildlife from the
20 Pratt-Wayne Woods behind our house. From all the
21 bird species to the turtles, deer, raccoons,
22 et cetera, they all use the ponds to drink from
23 and sun from. The danger to all the animals is of
24 great concern to us.

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1 Six, our access to the Illinois Prairie
2 Path is at the end of our block. This is where
3 the path crosses the EJ&E at grade level. This is
4 important to our area for our quality of life is
5 affected.

6 And, seven, the property values that
7 will, no doubt, plummet are one of great concern.

8 Like most people, we are counting on our home
9 value to remain stable, if not increase in value
10 over the years. This will certainly be affected
11 dramatically if we are a train track.

12 And, eight, the last one is the access
13 to getting around town is very limited with the
14 EJ&E going through the whole town in a north/south
15 angle. It will be detrimental to our
16 transportation.

17 Very truly yours, Deborah Schoen.

18 (End of Interview.)
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