

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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BRET SMITH

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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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1 MR. SMITH: My first name is Bret,
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2 B-r-e-t, Smith. My address is 5 N 032 Honey
3 Hill -- two words -- Drive, Wayne, Illinois,
4 60184.

5 My comment is on the Stearns Road
6 crossing and the effects of traffic on that
7 crossing. There is quite a bit of commuter
8 traffic that goes from the eastern portion of
9 St. Charles and the Village of Wayne towards the
10 Bartlett train station, and all of those commuters
11 would be severely affected by any rail crossing
12 during peak commuting times, both eastbound and
13 westbound.

14 Most of the commuters take the trains
15 prior to 8:00 a.m., with the majority probably
16 between 6:45 a.m. and maybe 7:45 a.m., and then
17 coming home most of the traffic is between 4:30
18 and 6:30 p.m. going westbound. So any delays on
19 that would cause commuters going into Wayne and
20 Bartlett to be inconvenienced, and I don't know if
21 that has gotten any attention that the other
22 crossing delays have gotten.

23 So I'm also particularly concerned
24 about the eastbound delays because people who are

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1 trying to catch the train in the morning, if they
2 miss it, if they miss it by one minute, they would
3 have to wait 15 minutes, or they may even end up
4 driving because they miss their trains.

5 So you might see people abandon taking
6 the rail commuting system, or you might see people
7 taking later trains, or you might see people
8 deciding to use other stations. All of those I
9 think would result in higher traffic counts and
10 probably fewer users of mass transit as a result
11 of delays.

12 I mean, I personally made that commute
13 for ten years. So I know the times of days when
14 the traffic is heavy.

15 (End of Interview.)

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