

1 SCOPING MEETING FOR THE PROPOSED CANADIAN NATIONAL
2 RAILWAY COMPANY ACQUISITION OF THE
3 ELGIN, JOLIET AND EASTERN RAILWAY COMPANY
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9 STATEMENT OF:
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1 MR. FERNER: My concern is that in
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2 the EIS preliminary documents that was
3 passed out and all the meetings that were
4 held with the city of Griffith nobody
5 mentioned the fact that there's a second
6 connection necessary. That connection is
7 from the Canadian National in Griffith to
8 the current EJ&E Kirk yard line. That is
9 mandatory. And it's not mentioned in the
10 EIS other than they talk about two
11 connections, but they don't spell out what
12 that second connection is.

13 It has never been discussed with
14 the local authorities in Griffith. And my
15 concern is that if you wait and after this
16 is finalized and you come back to the city
17 of Griffith and say incidentally we want to
18 put another connection in to connect the
19 Canadian National Griffith to the EJ&E Kirk
20 yard line, and they'll say why didn't you
21 tell us when we went all through the public
22 hearings. And I say don't let that slip
23 through. It's mandatory. You have to have
24 it. So be up front and don't come back and

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1 get everybody irritated at a later date.
2 You might say in there that my
3 interest in the connections in Griffith is
4 because I am an owner of property, five

5 acres of property on Main Street in close
6 vicinity of the connections. That's why I
7 am interested. And I'm not advocating for
8 the EJ&E or the Grand Trunk. I am
9 interested because I am a property owner of
10 five acres on Main Street in the immediate
11 vicinity of the proposed connections.

12 (End of statement.)

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