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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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6 STATEMENT OF:
7 MARY JO SCHAUER
8 AUGUST 27, 2008
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12 BARRINGTON HIGH SCHOOL
13 616 WEST MAIN STREET
14 BARRINGTON, ILLINOIS
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MS. SCHAUER: Mary Jo Schauer,
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2 address is 21204 North Lake Zurich Road,
3 Barrington. I've lived in the northwest
4 suburbs most of my life. My parents moved
5 to Barrington when I was one. Currently my
6 husband and I live less than half a mile
7 from the EJ&E tracks that cross Lake Zurich
8 Road. In the 18 years we have lived there,
9 raising our three kids, we have had to call
10 the Barrington Fire Department to our home
11 three times. No serious problems, thank
12 goodness. In each case the fire department
13 was at our home in less than four minutes.
14 The quick response time will be greatly
15 reduced if the railroad traffic is
16 increased by the 400 percent projected by
17 CN's acquisition of the EJ&E line. Are
18 lives worth it.

19 I implore the STB to consider
20 the safety and the lives of all in these
21 communities to be more important than the
22 financial gain of a foreign company. To
23 the elected officials that are here and the
24 representatives of those who are not, these

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1 are the lives of the people who voted for
2 you. Please do what you can to protect
3 them. I pray that common sense and good
4 judgment prevail in this matter.

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5 (End of statement.)

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