

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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9 STATEMENT OF:

10 MARY KOLAR

11 AUGUST 27, 2008
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14 BARRINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

15 616 MAIN STREET

16 BARRINGTON, ILLINOIS
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1 MS. KOLAR: Mary Kolar, I would like
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2 the STB to thoroughly review all of the impacts
3 to the Barrington community and the surrounding
4 communities regarding the safety and
5 environmental issues that the merger of this
6 railroad would create. I feel that
7 insufficient planning and insufficient
8 knowledge has been disseminated to the
9 communities effected by the increase in rail
10 traffic of, I believe, 30-plus railroad trains
11 per day with in excess of 50-plus cars each.

12 I believe that the safety at the
13 crossings will impact the many students as well
14 as residents of the Barrington community. And
15 as the way our town is situated, almost every
16 school bus has to cross the tracks and I
17 believe 600-plus school buses per day have to
18 cross the railroad tracks twice. These are
19 safety issues. We have had school buses in the
20 past -- in a neighboring community where many
21 children died ten years ago in Cary and --
22 rather in Fox River Grove. And I just feel
23 that the way the crossings at all of the
24 intersections that the rail and the roads meet

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1 are totally insufficient to handle the traffic,
2 the car traffic as well as the rail traffic as
3 far as safety is concerned.

4 I oppose this plan and I hope that
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5 the STB considers all of these facts. Thank
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