

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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7 STATEMENT OF:

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1 MR. SELK: The only things that I
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2 really didn't get to speak about is I
3 really liked what Leroy Keith had said
4 about the Canadian National and the ports
5 out on the Pacific, the ports of call in
6 western Canada, and how that is going to
7 be opening up and the demand is going to
8 be tremendous and all is going to come
9 through here through the trains. Not
10 only is it going to be impacting us in
11 the Chicagoland area, but it's going to
12 effect the ports of call in the United
13 States on the western coast too, so we're
14 going to lose American jobs.

15 I could not tell from the EIS
16 when they were speaking of the emissions
17 on where they were getting the
18 information or if they even had
19 information about the car emissions that
20 were created from the car stopped at the
21 tracks because of the fact the trains are
22 so much larger and the wait is going to
23 be so much longer, it's going to increase
24 tremendously. we're already using

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1 reformulated gas, and we're not -- by
2 state law, we can't idle outside of a
3 business, so now we're idling next to
4 railroad tracks, and there's obviously a
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5 reason why we're not allowed to do that
6 any longer. Now we're perpetuating it
7 with this sale.

8 And my biggest thing is, I don't
9 want to pay for somebody else to benefit.
10 I'm tired of it. And they're not even --
11 it's not even an American company. I have
12 nothing against the Canadians. I won't
13 even put up with it with my own government.
14 They need to -- if we're going to have this
15 thing go through, if we cannot stop it,
16 they need to pay for it. I don't want to
17 pay for it.
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