

1 SCOPING MEETING FOR THE PROPOSED CANADIAN NATIONAL
2 RAILWAY COMPANY ACQUISITION OF THE ELGIN, JOLIET AND
3 EASTERN RAILWAY COMPANY
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9 STATEMENT OF:
10 JOHN NYSTRA
11 AUGUST 25, 2008
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14 HOLIDAY INN HOTEL
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MR NYSTRA: My name is John Nystra.

I'm from Frankfort, Illinois and I'm greatly
opposed to the sale of EJ&E Railway to CN
Railway.

When we moved to Frankfort, it's a
community with a lot of small children. My
house backs up to the tracks at Cardinal
Lake and we see a lot of kids crossing the
railroad tracks between Heritage Knolls and
Cardinal Lake. Probably 30 to 50 people,
kids a day throughout the summer.

It's a terrible hazard and we hate to
see anything happen to our children or an
adult getting hit by a train. I've got a
firefighter II certification where I was a
firefighter in Glenwood, Illinois where they
have two fire departments, one on the east
and west side of the tracks.

And we've been on calls from the west
side situation to the east side of the tracks
where we are delayed by a train crossing and
it hampers the ability to rescue people.

The main thing the fire departments
do is car accidents. When a person is

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involved in a car accident, there is the
golden hour. If you delay that golden hour,
whether getting to the scene of the accident
or getting the patient to the hospital, we

5 are delaying the chance of rescue or survival
6 or anything to get that patient to the
7 hospital for medical services.

8 Our community is full of young
9 families with small children, and with this
10 railway going through there, this is going to
11 hamper the community and everything involved
12 with bussing and getting kids to and from
13 sports and teachers getting to school. I'm
14 opposed to this whole acquisition.
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