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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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9 STATEMENT OF:
10 JANET ZIESSOW
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1 Janet Ziessow, Z-i-e-s-s-o-w,
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2 Barrington, Illinois.

3 A couple major concerns. The
4 methodology for grade mitigation is based
5 on averages. Our community is not average
6 in the fact that it is a commuter community
7 for buses, schools, getting to the major
8 transit lines and highways.

9 Our peak periods are not
10 average. If taking in account a morning
11 rush, averaging it with the 1:00 to 3:00 in
12 the morning time frame will skew it and
13 will skew the answers terribly into being a
14 favorable thing and looking as if 20 trains
15 are doable.

16 Secondly, there is not enough
17 documentation regarding community safety,
18 impact to ambulance service and fire
19 service, based on more than one grade
20 crossing being closed at a single time
21 within the village. And the answers within
22 the document are not substantiative and
23 really make Barrington a dangerous
24 community to then live in.

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1 Third, homeland security. The
2 fact that many of the trains will be --
3 enter from Canada and via through the Port
4 of Prince Rupert, our homeland security is
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5 impacted, as cargo containers will not have
6 to be inspected as thoroughly at the
7 Canadian entry points as the U.S. entry
8 points for our ports. I think that's a
9 dangerous situation to place all these
10 communities in.

11 The fourth point. There has
12 been no study, or it is not addressed
13 within the document, of the result of delay
14 of a train and pedestrian accident, as to
15 how long our community would be shut down
16 during that time. And that could
17 effectively affect us in terms of health,
18 welfare, timing, especially if the traffic
19 accident happened during a rush-hour
20 period.

21 I don't even want to think --
22 this isn't addressed within the document,
23 and I don't even want to think if the train
24 was carrying something of a dangerous

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1 substance -- hydrochloric acid spill,
2 something of that nature -- and how that
3 would affect our community. And I don't
4 see it addressed within.

5 That is it.

6 (End of statement.)

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