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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 SANDRA BIEL
11 AUGUST 25, 2008
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14 HOLIDAY INN HOTEL
15 500 HOLIDAY PLAZA DRIVE
16 MATTESON, ILLINOIS
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MRS. BIEL: My name is Sandra Biel.

I live at 113 Sycamore Lane in Frankfort. I can hear the whistles from Pheiffer Road, Sauk Trail and Center Road. They wake me up every night every time and 28 trains a day is going to keep me totally sleep deprived, as well as everyone else around who can hear it.

The noise, the delays are going to increase. Sleep deprivation in that area of town is going to increase. Behavior problems and crime, I'm sure.

My daughter was involved in a car accident on Sauk Trail several years ago. The paramedics had to cut her out of the car. The accident was on Sauk Trail and Nebraska Street. Paramedics were able to get to her.

If there had been a train going through, they would have had to go down Route 45 to Laraway to Harlem and back down Sauk Trail going west. She would have been severely brain damaged, if not dead. Because they were able to get there, she recovered with minimal problems.

People having heart attacks and

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anyone having any kind of oxygen deprivation problems cannot be reached in time from the Frankfort Square station or from anywhere else, if they can get through from any of our

5 homes.

6 Furthermore, your literature says
7 that homes within 300 feet will be affected
8 by devaluation and that's not true. They
9 will be -- their value will be gone down
10 within at least a mile of these intersections
11 because some people's lamps already rumble
12 from the few trains we get a day and the
13 noise from those intersections will affect
14 people much farther than 300 feet away.

15 Furthermore, I don't believe that I
16 should have to increase your bottom line by
17 paying taxes for infrastructure and safety
18 mechanisms that are going to be built along
19 each of the crossings through my community.
20 I think that should do it.