

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 RAY DUROVEC

11 JANUARY 15, 2008
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14 HOLIDAY INN

15 500 HOLIDAY PLAZA DRIVE

16 MATTESON, ILLINOIS
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1 MR. DUROVEC: My name is Ray Durovec.
2 It's spelled D-U-R-O-V-E-C. And I'm a South
3 Holland Illinois resident. I live at 16745
4 Evans Avenue, South Holland, Illinois
5 60473-3060. My phone number is 708-333-/-P
6 2164.

7 My e-mail address is
8 R-A-Y-D-U-R-O-V-E-C at YaHoo!.com. I have one
9 comment and a couple of questions that I will
10 read.

11 South Holland homeowners are infested
12 with excess train horn blowing from the
13 Canadian National, the Union Pacific,
14 forward/CSX, Amtrack and other railroads that
15 pass through our village. Train horns
16 constantly blow day and night, Sundays, all
17 holidays and even on Mother's Day.

18 Municipalities need to be made aware
19 of the residential noise pollution created by
20 excessive train horn blowing. Municipalities
21 need to be made aware they can create
22 individual quiet zones or team up together to
23 create a corridor quiet zone.

24 A quiet zone is a segment of a rail

1 line, one half mile minimum within which is
2 situated one or a number of consecutive public
3 highway rail crossings at which locomotive
4 horns are not routinely sounded. The website
5 www.geocities.com/raydurovec/QuietZone where
6 the Q and the Z are the only capital letters,
7 was created to inform any residents or any
8 public servant about quiet zones.

9 I have a one-page handout for anyone
10 interested in learning more about quiet zones
11 after I ask three final questions.

12 One, how much Canadian National
13 traffic in percent will be reduced through
14 South Holland by the EJ&E acquisition.

15 Question two, will other railroads
16 step in and use the Canadian National line
17 through South Holland such as example,
18 Burlington Northern, Amtrack or the proposed
19 Metra Southeast service line.

20 And three, when will CN traffic
21 reduction start happening?

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