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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 RENEE KOSEL
11 AUGUST 25, 2008
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15 MATTESON HOLIDAY INN
16 500 HOLIDAY PLAZA DRIVE
17 MATTESON, ILLINOIS
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1 State Representative Renée Kosel,
2 K-o-s-e-l; 1300 East Francis Road, New
3 Lenox, Illinois 60451.

4 I'm here to strenuously object
5 to the purchase of the EJ&E by Canadian
6 National. It will be extremely detrimental
7 to railroads and commerce within the United
8 States to the benefit of Canada and
9 Canadian National by making Port Prince
10 Rupert much more attractive and inexpensive
11 for imports.

12 We are expected, as the
13 citizenry of Illinois, to pay for the
14 improvements that Canadian National will
15 not pay for to keep the commerce in our
16 communities viable.

17 Canadian National has said it
18 will only contribute \$20 million, which is
19 absolutely ridiculous, and the people of
20 Illinois -- south suburbs, north suburbs,
21 suburbs all around Chicago -- should not be
22 paying for the enhancement of a foreign
23 company.

24 (End of statement.)