

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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8 STATEMENT OF:
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1 MR. BEDOE: Greg Bedoe, B-E-D-O-E.
2 I live in the Village of
3 Barrington, Illinois.
4 I'll make it very brief. On my way

5 home the other night I was trying to get home from
6 Lake Zurich I believe it was, I was on Cuba Road
7 on the north side of Barrington, came up to the
8 EJ&E railroad tracks and there was an EJ&E train
9 stalled on the tracks, completely stopped,
10 blocking traffic in both directions obviously.

11 I called the EJ&E phone number.
12 EJ&E answered and I told them they had a train
13 that was stalled, and I said you got to do
14 something about this, and the guy at EJ&E told me
15 flat out that the train was waiting for the signal
16 to change in Barrington so he could cross the
17 Metra line.

18 And I was thinking to myself well,
19 this is great, if there's a two-mile train parked
20 outside of Barrington, on the edge of Barrington,
21 waiting for the train signal light to change in
22 town so the Metra crossing is clear, and then he
23 has to take however long it takes, twenty minutes,
24 to run a two-mile train across the intersection?

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1 There's going to be trains parked
2 out there almost continuously waiting for that
3 signal to change. I mean the impact on Barrington
4 is going to be astronomical and to what benefit.

5 I understand that none of these
6 trains even stop in Illinois. They're just on
7 their way to someplace down in Memphis.

8 So that's what I got to say. I'm
9 totally deadest against this thing. It's going to
10 be nothing but a detriment to this town. All our

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11 property values are going to go down.

12 Let alone the ambulances and fire

13 trucks getting to where they need to be.

14 Everybody knows that story.

15 That's basically all I have to say.

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