

1 SCOPING MEETING FOR THE PROPOSED CANADIAN NATIONAL
2 RAILWAY COMPANY ACQUISITION OF THE
3 ELGIN, JOLIET AND EASTERN RAILWAY COMPANY
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9 STATEMENT OF:
10 Harold Massion
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12 AUGUST 26, 2008
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14 CROWN PLAZA CHICAGO NORTH SHORE
15 510 EAST ROUTE 83
16 MUNDELEIN, ILLINOIS
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1 Harold Massion. 22109 Old Farm Road,
2 Deer Park, Illinois.

3 In the areas through which the current
4 EJ&E rails pass, many of the homes receive their
5 drinking water from ground wells. This is
6 especially true in areas of Lake, McHenry and
7 Northwest Cook counties. Increases in rail traffic
8 through these areas also increases the potential for
9 hazardous material spills in the event of
10 disrailment (sic) or other accidents. Even a small
11 amount of leaking diesel fuel from the more numerous
12 trains should be avoided. Because when hazardous
13 materials trickle into the groundwater, they create
14 a potentially harmful situation from the public -- I
15 should say for the public and the environment.

16 Many homes do rely on water from the
17 wells, and they may not have access to other water
18 sources or to Lake Michigan water.

19 Groundwater is very important to
20 ecosystems throughout the area because it may
21 eventually be released into streams, into lakes and
22 wetlands across our area. Good quality groundwater
23 is necessary to maintain the property habitat for
24 animals and plant life, especially when rain is

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1 scarce. Without even discussing CN's safety record,
2 I feel the increased traffic and hazardous cargo
3 should be rerouted in less environmentally sensitive
4 areas because alternate routes already exist and are
5 presently in use.

6 My name is Harold Massion. Barrington
7 Home Inspection.

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