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Hi, my name is Meg Swartz. I'm a resident of Naperville. Phone number is 630-946-6802. And I guess I have more of a comment than a question. I attended a public scoping meeting in West Chicago and I had several neighbors attend the meeting in Joliet. And I'm wondering, I guess my question is Do you think that this public scoping meetings have been kind of above board and informative and the reason I ask is there's been confusion from my neighbors about what this encompasses and it's clear to see the confusion in the Scoping meeting title and your title when you call this line is Scoping Meeting for Acquisition. And the problem is many of the general public don't understand that this is a public scoping meeting for acquisition, construction, and increased operations and I don't believe that that's very clear. I had some other questions and comments. The application of CNN states on page 32 that CN does not plan any line abandonment or other related actions normally requiring and EIS such as stated previously construction. So even on page 32 of their application, CN is stating that they do not anticipate construction. And I had another question. The application states that the Safety Integration Plan would be available 60 days after the application. This plan addresses the operating practices, the track safety standards, bridge structures, hazardous materials, etc and it seems like the public ought to be able to comment on the Safety Integration Plan. However, this was not available at the public meeting in West Chicago and the EIS staff told me they could not find this document on the CN website as well. So, my question is how can public fully comment on increased operations, construction, etc without full documentation available? So, I think it sounds like if you expect this to be a fully defensible that more public meetings maybe are in order or the deadline ought to be extended or the public ought to be able to see this Safety Integration Plan. The public ought to be more fully aware that EIS covers not just acquisition but construction and operating as well. Thank you.

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