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MR. REED: This is a list of
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2 questions that I strongly recommend we
3 get answered before approving the CN
4 buyout of EJ&E.

5 A quick background. We
6 recognize potential benefits may accrue
7 to the Chicago region, and we want to
8 express our thanks to the Aurora and
9 Plainfield mayors for sharing their
10 concerns with me as I was putting this
11 together.

12 So here's the list of questions.

13 Question: How much U.S. track
14 does CN already control and own and where
15 is it located?

16 Question: What keeps the
17 Canadian government from nationalizing the
18 U.S. CN system?

19 Question: What happens if CN
20 decides to haul most of its U.S. freight
21 through Canada?

22 Question: How does the impact
23 study address potential impacts on U.S.
24 ports and states?

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1 Question: How much control will
2 cities and towns have over CN track and
3 train expansion?

4 Question: What if CN refuses to
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5 provide funds to help reduce bridge and
6 crossing costs?

7 Question: What economic
8 benefits and what required funds and tax
9 increases are estimated for this
10 acquisition?

11 Question: Can American citizens
12 be required to subsidize Canadian activity
13 in the U.S.?

14 Question: If CN decides to
15 expand -- if CN decides to expand, can
16 eminent domain be used to enforce CN's
17 desires?

18 Question: What safeguards will
19 cause promised traffic reductions to happen
20 and to continue?

21 Question: What is EJ&E's recent
22 safety record, and what is CN's safety
23 record in Canada and the U.S.?

24 Question: What will CN do if

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1 they run trains heavily and a major train
2 wreck occurs?

3 Question: How does CN plan to
4 help Plainfield with cost and upkeep of
5 their 17 grade crossings?

6 Question: How will CN work with
7 Plainfield to honor Plainfield's projected
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8 population increase?

9 Question: what will CN do if
10 their projected hazmat increases
11 accidentally seep into area wells?

12 Question: who wrote the impact
13 statement? what else do they do? who
14 funded their work?

15 Question: what funding
16 guarantees will CN provide if some of their
17 crowded rolling stock is destroyed?

18 Question: How quickly should
19 this acquisition transaction be approved
20 with so many potential impacts?

21 we appreciate and look forward
22 to hearing back from you regarding all of
23 these items.

24 Thank you very much.

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1 Joseph Reed. The address is
2 9529 Carls Drive in Plainfield, Illinois
3 60585.

4 (End of statement.)

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