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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 MAXINE LIESINGER
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12 SEPTEMBER 9, 2008
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1 MS. LIESINGER: My name is Maxine
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2 Liesinger, and I'm from Aurora, Illinois.
3 I live almost adjacent to the railroad
4 track off Ogden just west of Frontenac, and
5 the two things I'm concerned about is the
6 fire department and ambulances being able
7 to get through that railroad intersection
8 going to Edwards Hospital. Since I live
9 east of the intersection, if I have a
10 problem, I'd like them to be able to get
11 through to the hospital. Otherwise, they
12 have to go all the way to Edwards Hospital
13 in Naperville, which is quite a distance
14 from us.

15 I'm not only concerned about my
16 own family, but I'm concerned about other
17 families. There are children who live in
18 our area. There are older people who live
19 in our area, and they should really have as
20 much safety access as far as the fire
21 department is concerned that they can have.
22 If the fire department has to go down McCoy
23 and under the viaduct and then go west,
24 it's going to take a lot longer time for

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1 anyone to get to where they need to go as
2 far as the fire department is concerned.

3 The second thing is that again
4 we have a lot of children who live in those

5 areas, and there's no protection at that
6 intersection, railroad intersection. All
7 that happens is the gates come down; but
8 the kids could run across at any time, and
9 even with more trains I think it's even
10 more dangerous than it is at the moment.

11 Lastly, since we live as close
12 to the intersection as we do, we hear the
13 trains go through all the time normally.
14 Sometimes they're hours between. Other
15 times they're simply an hour between them,
16 okay. They toot the horn as we expect them
17 to do, but they're tooting their horns more
18 frequently now, especially since all this
19 EJ&E stuff is coming up, than they ever did
20 before; and it makes us think about it
21 more, the fact that we're doing that, plus
22 if the law says that every one of the
23 trains that must go through must toot their
24 horn, then there's going to be a lot more

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1 noises than there was with the greater
2 amount of trains going through.

3 But mainly I'm worried about the
4 safety portion of it as opposed to the
5 noise. I can always live through the
6 noise, but you may not live through
7 something that you had to do in order to

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8 get around that intersection if the trains
9 are going to be there longer and more
10 frequently.

11 (End of statement.)

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