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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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6 STATEMENT OF:
7 PHILIP TARDREW
8 AUGUST 27, 2008
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13 616 WEST MAIN STREET
14 BARRINGTON, ILLINOIS
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MR. TARDREW: I'm Philip Tardrew
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2 from Lake Barrington Shores. I'm here with
3 my wife, Joyce, and we are very concerned
4 with what the increased train traffic,
5 particularly the two-mile freight trains,
6 will do in the town of Barrington in many,
7 many respects. Part of our concern is the
8 fact that school buses, emergency vehicles
9 will all be -- could all be delayed for as
10 long as I suspect a half an hour, or not
11 that much but maybe 12, 15 minutes by a
12 single freight train going through,
13 two-mile freight train going through; and
14 if this happens 15 to 20 times a day is the
15 projected traffic report, this will create
16 in my judgment chaos in the traffic
17 patterns in the Barrington area and also
18 constitute a problem for people being taken
19 to the hospital, Good Shepherd Hospital
20 emergency. At least to me it's totally
21 unacceptable, to us it's totally
22 unacceptable.

23 Now, one thing that came up in
24 looking at the tracks was: Is there a

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1 possibility a compromise could be reached
2 at least for Barrington by constructing a
3 portion of track that moves further west to
4 a less populated area that -- where the
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5 impact would be much less than it would be
6 in Barrington and to abandon that portion
7 of track that goes through Barrington.
8 There's some open country out there that
9 I'm sure would probably fit that
10 requirement. I know there are other people
11 would probably not want. In fact it seems
12 to me that that could be a compromise
13 solution at least for the Barrington area,
14 and it may possibly be for other areas that
15 are strongly impacted by this change in the
16 rail traffic. That's about it.

17 (End of statement.)

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