

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 MIKE KELLY

11 JANUARY 17, 2008

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14 ST. ANDREWS GOLF CLUB

15 3 N 441 ROUTE 59

16 CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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1 MR. KELLY: My name is Michael Kelly
2 and my address is 229 Patricia lane, Bartlett,
3 Illinois. I'm here representing Hanover
4 Township. I'm a Hanover Township Supervisor.

5 And just to make just a few comments
6 about the proceedings here on behalf of the
7 township. I just want to make it clear that
8 there's a minimum of three at-grade crossings
9 or EJ&E crosses roads in Hanover Township.

10 The southernmost one is where the EJ&E
11 crosses West Bartlett Road then goes north and
12 crosses Spalding Road, another at-grade
13 crossing and the last one is Shoe Factory
14 Road.

15 All of these, if the -- if the
16 proposal goes through, the health, welfare and
17 safety of the residents of each area will be
18 greatly put in danger. I understand that
19 there would be a very large increase, almost
20 ten-fold in hazardous materials being
21 transported.

22 There's a school within a half a mile
23 of the Shoe Factory Road crossing. There's at
24 least 2000 people within half a mile of that

1 crossing. Spalding Road has a very large
2 subdivision right around it and probably most
3 importantly, on West Bartlett Road there's at
4 least three or 4000 homes all within a half a
5 mile and two schools, one immediately to the
6 west of the railroad tracks and one
7 immediately to the east.

8 If the traffic, the increased railroad
9 trains would cross every day would affectively
10 cut off West Ridge Subdivision, the Blue Heron
11 Subdivision and the third subdivision whose
12 name escapes me which would be west of EJ&E,
13 as well as Nature's Ridge School, that that
14 school and subdivision would be effectively
15 cut off from fire protection, police
16 protection.

17 The current fire station is about four
18 miles away. There's a new one under
19 construction but that's going to be on the
20 east side of the EJ&E tracks so they would
21 still be cut off.

22 And it would be, it's at least fifteen
23 to twenty minutes west for any other fire
24 engines or anything or ambulances to get to

1 that Nature's Ridge School or the subdivision.

2 Additionally, there is Kohler Field
3 which is just west of Nature's Ridge School
4 and there's probably six or seven ball fields
5 there. It's Bartlett's Little League and
6 football league parks. And those are in
7 constant use, very crowded with at least a
8 hundred people, sometimes up to five or six
9 hundred people there every day from the early
10 spring until the late fall in this area also
11 would be cut off.

12 And of course, if I didn't mention it,
13 ambulance service to all those individuals on
14 the west side of the EJ&E both. The west part
15 of the road at Spalding and up at Shoe Factory
16 would be cut off. And again, my name is Mike
17 Kelly. I'm here for Hanover Township.

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