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1 SCOPING MEETING FOR THE PROPOSED CANADIAN NATIONAL
2 RAILWAY COMPANY ACQUISITION OF THE ELGIN, JOLIET AND
3 EASTERN RAILWAY COMPANY
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9 STATEMENT OF:
10 OTTO TOMES
11 AUGUST 25, 2008
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14 HOLIDAY INN HOTEL
15 500 HOLIDAY PLAZA DRIVE
16 MATTESON, ILLINOIS
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MR. TOMES: My name is Otto Tomes

T-O-M-E-S. Frankfort. My concerns are that environmental and social and the reason for that is, environmental and I think the noise right now is pretty unbearable. Vibrations of our homes. The impact on the whole area is going to be increased.

Every day I see at least 50 to 60 kids that cut over the tracks and I think no matter what you tell younger kids, they are still going to cut through the tracks. I think it's just an accident waiting to happen.

I want to know what's the Canadian National is going to do to prevent the increase in noise and to build barriers.

I think that everything that was said today, they definitely have to change the crossings that the cars can get through and it's not going to cause issues with long delays.

I think that the economic impact is going to be huge from. And from the business standpoint as well as decrease in values of

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homes. we already pay very high taxes in Frankfort and I think that our tax base is going to be affected as well.

I want to know what -- if a Canadian

5 National person would buy a house now, you
6 know, next to the tracks, who is the first
7 one that's going to step up and buy a house
8 next to the tracks.

9 They should put themselves in our
10 shoes and what we are going through. And I
11 think more study, another study has to be
12 done of everything I just stated because this
13 hasn't been well thought out and I'm
14 completely opposed to CN purchasing the
15 tracks or the area. That's all I have to
16 say.
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