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1 SCOPING MEETING FOR THE PROPOSED CANADIAN NATIONAL
2 RAILWAY COMPANY ACQUISITION OF THE
3 ELGIN, JOLIET AND EASTERN RAILWAY COMPANY
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10 STATEMENT OF:

11 MARY MCENTEE
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1 MS. MARY MCENTEE: I told them I
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2 wanted to speak at one of the meetings when
3 the meeting starts tonight and I want to
4 talk about my concerns about emergency, the
5 emergency people to get to the calls on
6 time and get the patients to the hospital
7 or the clinics or wherever they have to go,
8 and so they won't have to wait for the
9 trains.

10 You know, you get big long
11 freight trains with fifty cars on it and
12 have to wait a half an hour or something
13 like that. That's my concern.

14 And also for people with work,
15 you know, they have to wait and you can't
16 go nowhere until the train gets out of the
17 way, and then sometimes the train decides
18 to back up and then there's some, some more
19 time wasted.

20 And there are some places if
21 you're there -- if you come late to work
22 you get docked coming late to work. I
23 mean, they dock you for coming late to
24 work.

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1 So that's what my concern is, or
2 for anything else that you want to consider
3 or any time you want to cross the tracks.
4 You have to get stuck and wait, whether you

5 want to go shopping or something special,
6 you still have to wait for that length of
7 time to get across the tracks.

8 And like I said, sometimes they
9 park there and they'll decide to back up
10 and then you -- then that's more time that
11 you got to waste to do that.

12 But my biggest concern is the
13 emergency people. I'm concerned of
14 everybody, but emergency I am especially.
15 I've ridden in an ambulance and I know how
16 it feels when you have to sit there and
17 wait to get across the tracks. And if
18 you've ever been in an ambulance, you know
19 what that is.

20 It's no fun. It's bad enough
21 when the ambulance, you feel like a tin
22 can. And then there's concerns about us
23 getting to our appointments on time. And
24 if you have an appointment at 9:00 o'clock

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1 and you can't get to your appointment, you
2 got to wait for a train to get across, and
3 you're going to be late for your
4 appointment.

5 (End of statement.)
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