

1 SCOPING MEETING FOR THE PROPOSED CANADIAN
2 NATIONAL RAILWAY COMPANY ACQUISITION OF THE ELGIN,
3 JOLIET AND EASTERN RAILWAY COMPANY
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9 STATEMENT OF:
10 KENNETH BIEL
11 AUGUST 25, 2008
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14 HOLIDAY INN
15 500 HOLIDAY PLAZA DRIVE
16 MATTESON, ILLINOIS
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1 MR. BIEL: All right. My name is Kenneth Biel,
2 B I E L. I live at 113 Sycamore Lane in Frankfort. I

3 moved to Frankfort in 1970; and I was a block from the
4 Michigan Central, which is now abandoned, and I'm about
5 two blocks from the EJ&E tracks. And I've been a train
6 lover all my life.

7 I believe very much in getting the trucks and
8 cars off the highways and quit burning the fossil fuels
9 from the Middle East and from Russia. However, the
10 trains at this point that come down the Michigan Central
11 tracks, I've learned to live with. I have a big problem
12 with the noise that they make, especially the whistles
13 that blow their horns at Pfeiffer Road -- Pfeiffer Road,
14 Sauk Trail, and Center Road. I hear all three of them.
15 They have to lean on their horns about six times each in
16 the middle of the night. And the very few days that we
17 can have our windows open, it really does bother me. I
18 think there has to be some mitigation regarding the
19 sound allowance.

20 I realize other people have many problems
21 regarding ambulances and fire engines. Personally that
22 doesn't affect me too much because most of my travel is
23 to the north. But I think that we should look at that
24 hazard too. A much better solution would be to run an

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1 alternate track 50-plus miles south and west of the city
2 where very few people are affected and the possibility
3 of some day being commuter villages is remote. And
4 that's all.

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