

1 SCOPING MEETING FOR THE PROPOSED CANADIAN NATIONAL
2 RAILWAY COMPANY ACQUISITION OF THE ELGIN, JOLIET
3 AND EASTERN RAILWAY COMPANY
4 STATEMENT OF:
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1 MR. BARROW: I think one of the
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2 fallacies that's being overlooked is the
3 mere fact that if the rail traffic is moved
4 from the present location to the EJ&E,
5 what's to prevent additional rail traffic
6 to go back to where the CN now runs? I --
7 I think that they're overlooking the fact
8 that additional trains could be added not
9 only to the EJ&E but also to the existing
10 traffic where the CN now runs and that the
11 communities that are saying this is a win
12 situation for them is not being very
13 realistic.

14 The other thing that I'd like to say,
15 too, is that where the CN now runs, all of
16 the communities are set up; and they know
17 about where the traffic is. They have the
18 police department; they have their fire;
19 they have their ambulances already in place
20 to handle the situation if the trains were
21 to stall on the tracks or stop on the
22 tracks so that they can reach the people
23 that need the emergency.

24 The opposite end is there is nothing

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1 available on the existing EJ&E and that
2 many communities are going to be out a
3 substantial amount of dollars just to build
4 new stations, new firehouses, new police,
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5 etcetera, that will service the public on
6 the opposite sides of the tracks where the
7 present facilities are at.

8 That concludes my comments for tonight
9 so thank you.

10 (End of statement.)

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