

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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8 STATEMENT OF:
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1 MR. CRUM: Lee Crum, C-R-U-M.
2 My primary concern is along the
3 EJ&E there's a lot of subdivisions that have gone
4 up in the last five years. They've created these

5 noise abatement areas, and they're going to be
6 expanding the noise abatement areas, raising the
7 decibel levels to the people that are living on
8 the track or one or two blocks in.

9 will there be any financial
10 compensation for the reduced real estate value in
11 those homes?

12 I currently live on Mallard Lane in
13 the winding Trails subdivision. I bought our home
14 and the realtor said it was \$500,000 two years
15 ago, the current value is \$350,000 in light of the
16 CN purchase. And the reduced value is due to the
17 fact that there will be twenty trains operating on
18 the track versus five, which greatly reduces the
19 appeal of others to purchase the home that have
20 children.

21 so a large concern is like the FAA
22 does when they compensated when they built the
23 extra runway at O'Hare Airport, they compensated a
24 lot of the homeowners in Elk Grove, Franklin Park,

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1 and Schiller Park for expanded noise levels, they
2 purchased homes and relocated them. They did a
3 lot of things like that.

4 will there be compensation for
5 those negatively impacted by the railroad?
6 whether it's compensation for reduced real estate
7 value or whether that's soundproofing of their
8 homes that are windows or noise abatement walls.
9 That would be my concern.

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