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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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STATEMENT OF:

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MIKE CIFFONE

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AUGUST 27, 2008

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BARRINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

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616 WEST MAIN STREET

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MR. CIFFONE: My name is Mike
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2 Ciffone from Hoffman Estates, and my
3 concern is Canadian National has not
4 committed as to what they are going to be
5 doing with their existing rail system; and
6 they are currently running an average of 19
7 trains through their existing rail system,
8 and they are proposing to reduce those down
9 to two and moving all of the rail traffic
10 to the outer ring; what my concern is is
11 all of the environmental impact studies
12 would show a benefit to those communities
13 where the trains would be reduced and how
14 that would offset by adding trains to the
15 outer ring.

16 what my concern is is Canadian
17 National has not committed as to what's
18 going to happen to that rail line. It's an
19 expensive piece of real estate. The only
20 value to it is to be running rail lines
21 down to it. So if they were to sell that
22 track or lease that track to another
23 freight system or another freight company
24 and they brought that freight traffic back

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1 up to the average of 19 trains a day, then
2 the environmental impact study would be
3 completely flawed because it would not show
4 any benefit to any particular community and
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5 then offsetting the benefit to the outer
6 ring.

7 So my concern is unless Canadian
8 National was to actually commit as to
9 what's going to happen with that track or
10 those existing tracks and the study showed
11 actually how many trains would be used on
12 that existing track if and when it would be
13 sold or if and when Canadian National would
14 increase traffic on it, that would severely
15 flaw the study.

16 (End of statement.)

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