

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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10 STATEMENT OF:
11 PENNY KAZMIER
12 AUGUST 27, 2008
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16 BARRINGTON HIGH SCHOOL
17 616 WEST MAIN STREET
18 BARRINGTON, ILLINOIS
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1 MS. KAZMIER: My name is Penny
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2 Kazmier. I live at 8 Wescott Drive, South
3 Barrington, Illinois.

4 I'm also an elected member of
5 the Community Unit School District 220,
6 Barrington School District Board, and I'm
7 here as a Board member and resident at
8 the same time this evening.

9 My primary concern, though, is
10 as a Board member. The EJ&E tracks cut our
11 District in half -- I have a map -- and
12 what it would do is cause incredibly
13 increased travel times for our students.
14 Over two-thirds of our students are bussed
15 to school every day and having the
16 increased number of trains will add tons of
17 time onto already long bus rides.

18 My daughter rides an hour to get
19 to the high school, and she crosses the
20 tracks. If there's a train there, it's
21 going to increase that travel time
22 significantly. My daughter is only one
23 student. We have over 9200 students in
24 this District and with two-thirds of them

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1 riding the bus, that's about 7,000 kids on
2 the bus every single day, at least twice a
3 day.

4 All of our food service for our
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5 District is prepared at the high school,
6 and in order to get to five to six of our
7 schools, they would have to cross at least
8 one set of tracks and, in some cases, cross
9 the EJ&E tracks two and three times just
10 because of the way the roads are
11 structured.

12 very high level of concern
13 regarding emergency service access due to
14 this. The fire station is on the southeast
15 side of the tracks; we have -- and the
16 hospital is on the northwest side of the
17 tracks, the closest hospital to the
18 majority of our schools. So if someone on
19 the northwest side of the tracks needs
20 medical assistance, the hospitals are
21 there, but the ambulance won't be able to
22 get there. On the other hand, if they're
23 on the southeast side of the tracks, they
24 can have an ambulance, but they need to go

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1 to a hospital that in some cases is twice
2 as far away as the nearest hospital.

3 So as a Board member charged
4 with the care of over 9,200 students, this
5 is very concerning to me. As a parent,
6 it's horrifying. I hope that -- I hope
7 they consider the disruption to the

8 children of District 220 and their families
9 who often drive them to school, go to
10 school during the day to help out as
11 intricate parts of the kids' lives, that
12 this disruption could potentially be
13 devastating on many different levels.

14 (End of statement.)

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