

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:
9 JANET SWENO
10 AUGUST 27, 2008
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1 MS. SWENO: Janet Sweno, S-W-E-N-O.
2 As a business in the community of
3 Barrington, our business will be drastically
4 affected by the increased commute time that our,

5 forty-five percent of our fifty workers in some
6 way have to cross these tracks from Mundelein all
7 the way down throughout the area.

8 Half of those individuals have
9 indicated they will find other employment closer
10 to home rather than increase their current commute
11 time.

12 In addition to that, there has been
13 no economic improvements shown to benefit the
14 village in this transaction in a timeframe when
15 the business community of Barrington has been
16 affected by an uncontrolled increase in Cook
17 County sales tax of one percent with a total of
18 one and a quarter percent increase in less than a
19 nine-month period of time. This has already
20 affected business as it is being done in this
21 area.

22 The consumers are choosing to go
23 outside of the areas affected by this increase in
24 sales tax. The grade improvements that are going

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1 to be required at over time in the Barrington area
2 alone will drastically affect real estate taxes
3 and will reduce home ownership in the area and
4 will make it very difficult for an average
5 homeowner to maintain their residence in the area
6 of Barrington.

7 The safety issues posed by the
8 school district and the fire department are real,
9 are not acknowledged to the point that they should
10 be acknowledged in terms of the life safety of the

11 community, nor the life quality of the community.

12 I seriously recommend against this

13 proposed purchase by CN Railways.

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