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2 RAILWAY COMPANY ACQUISITION OF THE ELGIN, JOLIET
3 AND EASTERN RAILWAY COMPANY
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10 ANONYMOUS PERSON

11 JANUARY 15, 2008

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1 ANONYMOUS PERSON: I live really
2 close to the new development which is called
3 Meadow Lake Estates. I'm in that development
4 and right now, in the middle of the night,
5 our bedroom sits on the back where the train
6 comes through and like now, you can hear the
7 whistles because you are probably about 300
8 feet from Cicero.

9 And you know, of course, the train is
10 going to blow its whistle before it gets to
11 the Cicero crossing so we hear all that in
12 the middle of the night. We didn't think it
13 was going to be so bad and we just had our
14 house built over here in Meadow Lake.

15 Now they talk about more train
16 traffic in that area and I'm concerned about,
17 you know, the value of our home. We
18 purchased our home and we've been in this
19 area for 23 years. So it's a quiet area, you
20 know.

21 The trains are here but there are not
22 long lines of trains, you don't have to wait
23 a long time. If they are talking about
24 increasing the trains to 34 trains per day,

1 that's going to be very worrisome, the noise
2 is going to be a problem and also traffic
3 control.

4 So much traffic going on in this area
5 now. That's my concern and my property value
6 of my home. So I'm just hoping that they can
7 rethink this and -- the trains are there but
8 not so many trains. Not up to 34 trains
9 every day.

10 And we do have young children that
11 they don't play near the train tracks but
12 they play in the back yard and when you open
13 the windows in the summertime, that's very
14 distracting when you've got all the trains
15 coming and you've got company over and
16 parties over and you've got the trains steady
17 going past.

18 I guess we should have thought about
19 that after we had our house built but it was
20 fine with the few trains because we know
21 trains have to come through for our
22 livelihood.

23 But that's just my concern is about
24 all the traffic that we are going to have

1 with the trains, if they can consider it not
2 to be so many trains. Maybe a minimum of a
3 few more trains, you know what I'm saying.
4 That's what I'm thinking about. That's my
5 concern.

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