

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 CYNTHIA TAYLOR
12 AUGUST 27, 2008
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18 BARRINGTON, ILLINOIS
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1 MS. TAYLOR: My name is Cynthia
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2 Taylor. I live in the Braemar
3 Subdivision in Lake Zurich.

4 This would have a direct
5 impact on our quality of life. We have
6 environmental concerns because the trains
7 are less than I would say a thousand
8 yards away from our house. Currently
9 when the trains come through, the house
10 shakes with the double-deckers and coal
11 cars. I can only imagine what that would
12 be with the 100 increase in the amount of
13 train traffic.

14 I'm concerned about the safety.
15 My mother is almost 80 years old. When the
16 tracks are blocked on both sides, because
17 we live between two railroad crossings on
18 Ela and Cuba Road, we don't have access to
19 the Shepherd Hospital if something would
20 happen to her. We would have to go
21 five minutes to ten minutes out of the way
22 to make it to the next medical facility,
23 which is the Northwest Community Emergency
24 Room on Route 12. We wouldn't have access

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1 to Route 12.

2 The amount of traffic currently
3 from the EJ&E in the morning, we cannot get
4 out of our subdivision at all. Most times

5 in the morning when a train goes by at
6 7:30, it takes 20 minutes to get out of the
7 subdivision. There's nowhere for ambulance
8 or fire trucks to come in and out of the
9 subdivision because both entrances of the
10 subdivision are blocked at that point, so
11 we would have to wait for emergency service
12 in the subdivision.

13 I don't think they've looked at
14 the environmental impact. I don't think
15 they've looked at the impact on the people
16 that actually live in the communities that
17 are off the train. I just don't think that
18 they've taken into consideration the amount
19 of the devaluation of the property values
20 of the people that are concerned in the
21 communities that these are impacting.

22 (End of statement.)

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