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2 NATIONAL RAILWAY COMPANY ACQUISITION OF THE ELGIN,
3 JOLIET AND EASTERN RAILWAY COMPANY
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9 STATEMENT OF:
10 MICHAEL C. LAZICH
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14 HOLIDAY INN
15 500 HOLIDAY PLAZA DRIVE
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1 MR. LAZICH: Okay. My name is Michael C. Lazich,
2 L A Z I C H, and I live in Frankfort, Illinois, in

3 Sandalwood Estates.

4 And I have some concerns with the CNN. And I
5 have to -- where I live at, it's a four-block area. It
6 runs from -- Sandalwood Estates, it runs east and west
7 where I live on Tea Tree Lane, 11560 Tea Tree Lane.
8 It's a four-block area, and it's all new homes. And the
9 price range is from about 400,000 to \$600,000.

10 And like I told some of the people from the
11 STB, my concern is the noise vibration. When they are
12 running those trains super fast, I can sit on my back
13 patio and watch my windows vibrate. I have a ranch
14 home, all brick. There's a lot of colonial. There's a
15 whole mixture. It runs four blocks.

16 I'm sure they -- not on all of them because
17 some of the engineers are very aware of everything.
18 They can go in there, and you don't even know that
19 they've gone through. But others when they're running,
20 like, at a high rate of speed and the trains are empty,
21 it's literally like being in an earthquake. I don't
22 know if you've ever been -- I've been in an earthquake.
23 The whole ground will shake.

24 Now, I don't know what this is going to do to

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1 my foundation because right now, with the E & J, it
2 happens every -- it could happen maybe if they run six
3 cars maybe once or twice. If they're going to run 28
4 trains through there, and this is going to go on all day
5 and all night. There's got to be an impact on my home.

6 Then I knew a guy that worked 30 years as an
7 engineer for the E & J. And he has personally told me

8 that when he was an engineer, that the E & J was running
9 atomic waste through. And he told me specifically how
10 they do it. They'll have the CIA agents there with
11 carbines in the back and everything watching the atomic
12 waste so it gets to the proper spot. But that's only a
13 small part that concerns me.

14 what really concerns me is the chlorine gas
15 because I know two years ago, there was a huge spill in
16 Tennessee with chlorine gas. And they had to evacuate
17 miles and miles of people because chlorine gas can be
18 very deadly. And that's just some of my little
19 concerns. Thank you.

20 One more thing too, I don't think I mentioned
21 this, both of my neighbors that live at the side, one
22 lives east of me, west of me. I've been there four
23 years. They've been there a little over five years.
24 The party across the street has been there over five

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1 years. All three of them are leaving because of the CNN
2 deal. They already told me they're putting their home
3 up. They don't want all this. They feel like it's a
4 done deal. And I sort of agree with them because I
5 think some of this is already happening because I can
6 see some different CNN boxcars and stuff running on
7 through.

8 And just by me being there four years, the
9 difference in their traffic pattern, we never used to
10 get them at 1:00, 2:00 in the morning. Now we're
11 starting to get that, and more cars going through. I
12 don't know if E & J is hauling some of the Canadian

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13 National stuff through. I couldn't prove it. It's just
14 my observation.

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