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2 NATIONAL RAILWAY COMPANY ACQUISITION OF THE
3 ELGIN, JOLIET AND EASTERN RAILWAY COMPANY
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9 STATEMENT OF:

10 MICHAEL HAVGENS

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1 MR. HAVGENS: My name is Michael
2 M-I-C-H-A-E-L H-A-V-G-E-N-S. I live at 8907
3 Sauk Trail, Frankfort, Illinois 60423. I own
4 the home on Sauk Trail where the EJ&E Railroad
5 track, it's a crossing right there. And I own
6 a couple of acres and I have a couple hundred
7 feet of frontage that adjoins the EJ&E
8 easement and railroad.

9 And I think this acquisition will
10 affect my property value negatively. It will
11 affect the quality of life at that location
12 living in that house for my entire family.

13 And also because of the location to
14 the EJ&E, it's so close, within a hundred feet
15 of their easement, I think it will definitely
16 affect the structure, the integrity of the
17 structure with the increased trains and
18 increased tonnage that's supposedly supposed
19 to happen.

20 I feel that part of the money invested
21 in the infrastructure should be spent on
22 purchasing or compensating homeowners for the
23 loss in value of their homes which is the
24 largest and most important investment of a

1 person and a family's life.

2 Again, besides the environment, I
3 think when you say the environment study, that
4 should include people and I think it's going
5 to affect the quality of life and I think if
6 this purchase goes through, I feel that they
7 have to compensate or there's got to be
8 concessions for people that most definitely
9 are adjacent to the EJ&E Railroad.

10 The home that I own is part of the
11 original farm that was there probably back
12 when the EJ&E purchased that property and if
13 it's possible, I would like to see that
14 purchase agreement between the EJ&E and that
15 property owner at that time for my own
16 personal reasons.

17 If CNN or the EJ&E are interested in
18 purchasing my property, then I'd like them to
19 contact me at 815-693-9941 because I am
20 definitely open to that idea.

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