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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 LAURA DOHERTY

11 JANUARY 17, 2008
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14 ST. ANDREWS GOLF CLUB

15 3 N 441 ROUTE 59

16 CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
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HDR

1 MRS. DOHERTY: My name is Laura
2 Doherty. I live at 2077 Providence Drive in
3 Bartlett. I'm on the west side of Bartlett.

4 My concerns are that currently there's
5 5.5 freight trains that run through our
6 subdivision and they are going to increase it
7 five times to 25 freight trains running an
8 average of once an hour throughout the day.

9 So in addition to the safety concerns,
10 there's only one way in and out of my
11 subdivision which is across the train tracks.
12 So you are looking at increased travel times,
13 an inconvenience for everybody involved.

14 Another concern I have is that
15 Bartlett just passed a referendum to build a
16 third fire station to accommodate the people
17 on the west side of Bartlett. That fire
18 station is will indicated on the east side of
19 the tracks so when those freight trains are
20 running through if need need access to the
21 west of Bartlett, they won't have it because
22 they fall on the opposite side of the tracks.

23 For all the families that have
24 children, it's an increase in response time

1 that isn't acceptable. We just passed this
2 referendum because the response time was too
3 long to begin with.

4 This is the third firehouse in
5 Bartlett and now they won't have access to a
6 thousand homes, not to mention what your
7 property values are going to go with freight
8 trains running through your back yard.

9 CN has no plans to modify or retrofit
10 the railways to accommodate traffic patterns.
11 They are carrying hazardous materials, which
12 if they seep into the water supply, I will be
13 evacuated from my house for an undetermined
14 amount of time.

15 All in all, it's a bad idea. I can't
16 express it enough. I'm ready to sell my
17 house, not to mention it's right by a school.
18 So you've got to imagine there's going to be a
19 larger incidence of accidents in that
20 location.

21 I find it very unsettling that they
22 are going to run hazardous waste through
23 residential areas which it's never been done
24 before. I think that's it.