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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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7 STATEMENT OF:
8 JEFFREY DEMENT
9 SEPTEMBER 11, 2008
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13 HOLIDAY INN HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER
14 411 SOUTH LARKIN AVENUE
15 JOLIET, ILLINOIS
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1 MR. DEMENT: I would just like to
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2 state that our staff did an excellent job
3 of telling the situation in Plainfield,
4 having 17 crossings and 16 of those are
5 at-grade, and they mentioned the
6 shortcomings in the Draft that took place
7 about the information that Plainfield was
8 really not portrayed accurately and they
9 also brought up, of course, the need for
10 some mitigation.

11 The point that I would like to
12 add to that information is the mitigation
13 is part of it and, of course, we expect CN
14 to do that mitigation, but we would also
15 would need a time frame before the actual
16 railway amounts of traffic would increase
17 so we have time to do mitigation, which
18 could be anywhere from, you know, three to
19 six years.

20 And, of course, it's drastically
21 underfunded, as we know. The Village alone
22 could use \$300 million to do mitigation.
23 Besides the mitigation money, we need the
24 time to implement those improvements.

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1 I'm Jeffrey Dement, a Trustee on
2 the Plainfield Village Board.

3 (End of statement.)

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