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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 SHARON KRIHA

11 JANUARY 15, 2008
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15 500 HOLIDAY PLAZA DRIVE

16 MATTESON, ILLINOIS

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1 MRS. KRIHA: My name is Sharon Kriha
2 K-R-I-H-A. I'm a Trustee for the Village of
3 Richton Park. Residents are concerned with
4 several aspects of the trains.

5 One is the disaster recovery if there
6 is. I understand that they will be
7 transporting hazardous material. So in the
8 event that there's an accident or anything
9 happens, what's the disaster plan or the plan
10 of notification for residents in the
11 community?

12 The other thing is we've recently got
13 the owners of the train to discontinue a lot
14 of the horn blowing in the middle of the night
15 and that's a very big concern for us. So if
16 they are going to increase the train service,
17 then we need to really think about that and
18 find out how we can reduce that to the
19 residents.

20 Other concerns were the overpass that
21 currently exists in some communities might not
22 be stable to handle the additional load. So
23 we'll -- will the railroad company replace
24 some of those overpasses?

1 In addition to along Cicero Avenue as
2 it is, traffic is tremendous -- it's
3 atrocious, I should say. So is there any way
4 that we can do something with that, the
5 traffic?

6 It's just congestion for that area.
7 Additional trains will just hold up traffic
8 more especially during key times of the day.
9 And that's just basically it.

10 I think the residents would prefer
11 that the increase not happen if they can make
12 due with the existing amount of trains that
13 EJ&E has, that would be preferred.

14 Also along Cicero Avenue there's a
15 bike trail and we can't make that bike trail
16 extend across the railroad tracks. We tried
17 to talk to someone about that. Maybe if they
18 would consider some landscaping and allow a
19 bike trail to be -- to go from Richton Park
20 through Matteson, that would be great. And I
21 think I'm going to go and talk to some of the
22 engineers and get some more information.

23 We'd also like to be notified of all
24 the comments regardless of which community

1 suggested them so we can have a place to go to
2 get the answers to all the questions that were
3 asked at the meeting. That's all.
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