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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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9 STATEMENT OF:
10 MAUREEN FITZSIMMONS
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12 AUGUST 25, 2008
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14 MATTESON HOLIDAY INN
15 500 HOLIDAY PLAZA DRIVE
16 MATTESON, ILLINOIS
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3 Tuppence, T-u-p-p-e-n-c-e, Court. That's

4 in Frankfort.

5 My comments are that I think
6 that the board should focus on a solution
7 that would help the whole entire Chicago
8 region rather than transfer the Chicago and
9 border suburb problems to the outer
10 communities, where we don't have the
11 infrastructure to support the problems that
12 accompany increased freight traffic.

13 There is good solutions to build
14 a rail far west of the city, where there
15 would be no disruption to traffic,
16 communities, and so on.

17 In addition, these smaller
18 communities, by moving this train to the
19 outer fringes of Chicago, do not have the
20 emergency services and support that City of
21 Chicago and border communities have to take
22 care of HAZ/MAT issues as well as
23 disruptions when trains break down.

24 we've had very few overpasses,

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1 and people who live south of or west or
2 north of the lines are going to be
3 literally cut off from the City of Chicago
4 and inner suburbs with this movement.

5 Noise, vibrations will
6 negatively affect particularly my home
7 because we're fairly close to the train,
8 where the trains are. Bigger engines are
9 much bigger, and that will cause increased

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10 structural problems to homes that are along
11 the rail.

12 (End of statement.)

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