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1 SCOPING MEETING FOR THE PROPOSED CANADIAN NATIONAL
2 RAILWAY COMPANY ACQUISITION OF THE
3 ELGIN, JOLIET AND EASTERN RAILWAY COMPANY
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9 STATEMENT OF:

10 DENNIS RUTHRAUFF
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1 MR. DENNIS RUTHRAUFF: All right. I
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2 moved into Schererville in 2002, had a new
3 home built, a townhome. The community
4 builder is Olthof, o-l-t-h-o-f. It's a
5 resort style community called Auburn
6 Meadow. And I live in the area of Janice,
7 J-a-n-i-c-e, Drive and Deer Creek Drive, a
8 quarter of a mile south of the proposed
9 EJ&E line.

10 In 2002, we had very light train
11 traffic. And in the last six years, it has
12 quadrupled. And there's a lot more
13 hazardous material cars coming through and
14 also a lot of switching going on, making up
15 of trains, banging through the night and a
16 lot of horn blowing on 213th Street.

17 So my big concern is if the
18 proposal goes through where the CN comes
19 through and buys out EJ&E, the traffic is
20 supposed to go from maybe 10 trains a day
21 to 35, 40 trains and that to me is a big
22 hazard, ten times more hazardous material
23 tankers coming through, and of course the
24 noise, the nuisance, and I would say the

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1 safety concerns for me and my family have
2 greatly increased. That's about it.

3 (End of statement.)

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