

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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10 STATEMENT OF:

11 "Alan Murphy"
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13 September 9, 2008
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1 MR. ALAN MURPHY: Statement of Objection,
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2 A statement objecting to the proposed acquisition
3 of the EJ&E by the Canadian National Railway
4 Corporation.

5 As known, on October 30th, 2007, the
6 Canadian Railway Corporation, along with U.S.
7 Subsidiary, filed an application with the Federal
8 Surface Transportation Board seeking approval to
9 acquire the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway
10 Company ("EJ&E"). The proposed acquisition by CN
11 would involving shifting a significant amount of
12 train traffic that currently moves over CN's rail
13 lines in the city of Chicago to sections of the
14 EJ&E rail lines west and south of the city of
15 Chicago, including a segment that runs through the
16 Village of Wayne and Forest Preserve District of
17 DuPage County.

18 The objections by the Honey Hill
19 Community of Wayne, Illinois are:

20 1. The increase in freight train
21 traffic resulting from the proposed acquisition by
22 CN will create adverse impacts on the communities
23 along the EJ&E line, including increased noise and
24 vehicle traffic delays;

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1 2. Village of Wayne estimates from CN
2 who that if the proposed transaction takes place,
3 that the average number of daily trains that run
4 along the segment of the EJ&E rail line that runs

5 through Wayne from 4.4 trains to 24.4 trains per
6 day, with gross tonnage increasing from 14,397
7 tons per day to 184k,969 tons per day, creating
8 strong and consistent vibrations in the village
9 neighborhoods and the the nearby Honey Hill
10 Community.

11 3. The risk by hazardous waste spills
12 to approximately Honey Hill Community's fifty
13 private water wells and fifty private septic/
14 sanitation systems that could displace the
15 community's forty-eight families.

16 4. CN train lengths will be much
17 longer than current EJ&E train lengths, and could
18 cause severe delays in the following at the grade
19 crossings at Army Trail,

20 A) for police, fire, and paramedic
21 responses to the Honey Hill and surrounding
22 communities;

23 B) school buses servicing Wayne
24 Elementary School, one block from the EJ&E tracks;

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1 along with delays to buses feeding Middle Schools
2 Tefft, Eastview, and Kenyon Woods, and feeder High
3 schools Bartlett and South Elgin; and private and
4 public schools throughout the areas of Wayne,
5 St. Charles, West Chicago, and Wheaton area
6 affecting an estimated 250 students twice a day
7 every day;

8 C) for eastbound morning commuter
9 vehicle traffic and westbound evening vehicle
10 traffic with waiting cars polluting historic,
11 including a nationally recognized historic
12 district and rural neighborhoods;
13 D) noise from rail traffic all hours
14 of day and night to a rural neighborhood. Such
15 noise could lower property values of the Honey
16 Hill Community, currently at about \$6 million in
17 assessed value. Such a decrease in assessed value
18 could lower tax receipts to local government.
19 5. Adverse effects on the Forest
20 Preserve of DuPage County's Dunham Woods, adjacent
21 to the Honey Hill Community and the EJ&E railway.
22 Sincerely, Bret J. Smith, President, Honey Hill
23 Community Association, presented to Association
24 July 11, 2008.

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