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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 PAUL BRILL
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12 SEPTEMBER 9, 2008
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16 AURORA, ILLINOIS
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1 MR. BRILL: My name is Paul Brill
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2 from Aurora. I'm in the 9th Ward. It's
3 kind of at the corner of Route 59 and
4 Wolf's Crossing, and that is the crossing
5 that I go back and forth across to get to
6 and from work and my family goes to get to
7 buy groceries, get to the doctor and such.

8 I was brought -- involved in
9 this rather late because I was not well
10 enough informed that this meeting was here,
11 and it was so far away from where I live;
12 and I had to leave work and get stuck in
13 traffic and through -- just to get here
14 late and wasn't prepared or wasn't able to
15 get a statement orally.

16 I want to state that I'm very
17 concerned about this purchase of E&J and
18 what impact it could have on our community,
19 and it's not well thought out by E&J
20 because the infrastructure around the
21 suburbs was not and had not been designed
22 to do the sort of work the train tracks and
23 freight trains have been used to doing
24 towards the city. I've lived in the city

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1 of Chicago, and they have had a much better
2 setup over the course of years to handle
3 freight traffic.

4 The suburbs do not. The suburbs
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5 are out in the country by comparison and
6 have never had the roadways and tunnels to
7 be able to separate traffic so people don't
8 get involved in accidents or don't have the
9 delays that we would experience should this
10 sale go through.

11 In short I'm just very concerned
12 that this plan isn't well thought out; that
13 they're thinking that this is a setup that
14 would be applicable to a city of Chicago
15 that can support something like this;
16 whereas, the suburbs and the communities
17 that we have around here don't have that
18 kind of capacity and our tracks don't have
19 that kind of capacity.

20 I know that our Alderman Keith,
21 our 9th ward alderman, has been trying to
22 set up quiet zones already prior to the
23 sale just for the trains that we have in
24 this area to provide a better quality of

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1 life. I think that his work will basically
2 be washed out by this sale as things get
3 abysmally worse than what they already
4 currently are.

5 I guess I just ask that
6 consideration be made for the families in
7 this area and that some understanding be

8 made that this area and these tracks that
9 have not been designed to support freight
10 rail traffic of the nature that they
11 propose that be considered more fully and
12 that there be more concern on how to create
13 a better railway infrastructure before they
14 actually start having train traffic of the
15 nature that they propose. That's my
16 statement.

17 (End of statement.)
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