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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 JAMES LEDINSKY
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1 My name is James, first name; last name
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2 is L-e-d-i-n-s-k-y. I live in Barrington.

3 I'm looking at this exhibit up here,
4 which I think summarizes the report that I read
5 earlier. It talks about the key emergency
6 facilities affected, and here in Barrington it
7 covers the fire department. But it doesn't even
8 cover the hospital, which is unbelievable because
9 there is one hospital for this community, which
10 has four counties -- Lake, Cook, McHenry, and
11 Kane. That's the hospital. You don't want to go
12 an hour to another one. It's the only hospital.

13 And the two major rail lines cross
14 right in the middle of the city. So
15 three-quarters of the city will not be able to get
16 to the hospital if you have a tie-up or a long --
17 any kind of a long commuter train.

18 The fact that there is no
19 requirement -- the trains clear an intersection in
20 a specified amount of time. Sometimes slow trains
21 can cover an intersection for a half hour. The
22 fact that there is no requirement and the fact
23 that there aren't even -- they didn't even look at
24 our hospital in this study shows to me it wasn't

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1 done very -- with any -- much thought, other than
2 perfunctory going through the motions. How could
3 you miss the hospital?

4 This is one of the communities probably
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5 that's most adversely affected because of the
6 Metra line and the EJ&E crossing right in the
7 middle of the city.

8 (End of statement.)

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