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3 NATIONAL RAILWAY COMPANY ACQUISITION OF THE
4 ELGIN, JOLIET AND EASTERN RAILWAY COMPANY
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10 STATEMENT OF:
11 STEPHEN E. REICHERT
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1 MR. REICHERT: Steve Reichert, 3103
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2 Charter Drive, Aurora, Illinois. Okay. I
3 wanted to make the point that when
4 considering the effect on the suburbs, that
5 Chicago when it was developed was developed
6 as a hub, a real hub, so it was actually
7 engineered for a real hub with a lot of
8 raised -- streets were either raised over
9 the rail lines or the rail lines go
10 underneath the streets, so overpasses, et
11 cetera, where the suburbs warrant. They
12 grew just as residential essentially
13 communities without a lot of rail traffic
14 so they don't have that infrastructure in
15 place which makes it a hardship on the
16 communities affected by that.

17 I wanted to hear a satisfactory
18 answer about how they're going to address
19 CN's safety record because they have the
20 worst safety record of all the railroads
21 operating in Canada, according to the
22 Canadian government, and that's been
23 published just in the last six months.
24 whether it's equipment safety, grade

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1 safety, you know, line safety, they got a
2 bottom rating on all of those. I'd like to
3 know how that's going to be addressed too.

4 (End of statement.)
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