

1 SCOPING MEETING FOR THE PROPOSED CANADIAN
2 NATIONAL RAILWAY COMPANY ACQUISITION OF THE ELGIN,
3 JOLIET AND EASTERN RAILWAY COMPANY
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9 STATEMENT OF:
10 JEAN HUTTER
11 AUGUST 25, 2008
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14 HOLIDAY INN
15 500 HOLIDAY PLAZA DRIVE
16 MATTESON, ILLINOIS
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1 MS. HUTTER: I'm Jean Hutter, H U T T E R. I live
2 in Park Forest, Illinois, south of the EJ&E tracks.

3 I have many concerns about this. But one
4 thing concerns me probably more than all of the rest of
5 them, and that is if you railroad is bought by CNN and
6 runs all the trains that it is saying that it may run,
7 from 15 to 40 a day, those of us in towns that are south
8 of the acquired railroad track are probably going to
9 face economic disaster. Stores and industries will not
10 come in and locate themselves south of that railroad
11 track if that's going to be the rail traffic because
12 people will not be coming down from the north to the
13 south side of the railroad track.

14 Now they do. People go freely north and south
15 to shop. But if they're going to have to wait for
16 trains and train traffic to that extent, they probably,
17 those on the north side, will stay north and go farther
18 north. They will not come to the south. It will be too
19 hard, too many trains, too many delays. And I think it
20 will blight the businesses that we do have and will
21 discourage any other businesses or areas of work from
22 coming in. We will become nothing economically.

23 One other statement I would like to make is
24 this: There's a question of overpasses and underpasses

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1 being built with some of the towns will desperately
2 need. But my understanding is that CN feels that they
3 will help to whatever extent the law may require but
4 it's not their responsibility to help further.
5 Therefore, if there are going to be overpasses or
6 underpasses, that sounds as though it's going to come
7 out of the tax base. And I don't feel that I or my

8 neighbors or my town need to pay increased taxes to help
9 a company from another country buy property in our
10 country. Thank you. That's it.

11 Another area of concern is for the cost of
12 running our school districts. Usually, one route run
13 one time costs the school district \$70. In looking at
14 the maps and how far flung the schools are, I think that
15 the schools are going to be hit with much higher costs
16 which will further deplete the money that they have.

17 If they have to divert away from railroad
18 crossings in order to get students to school, which it
19 looks like many, many times they will have to do that,
20 then they won't be able to make as many runs. If they
21 can't make as many runs, the price to the school
22 districts will go up by the bus companies because they
23 need to make their same amount of money, of course. And
24 so, therefore, the school districts will be paying more

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1 and that money will probably come out of the educational
2 budget that the school has or our taxes will be raised
3 more to pay more for the buses. It does pose a problem.

4 I haven't figured out all the angles. But it
5 just occurred to me that this is a hidden problem that
6 the towns are going to have in our school districts
7 especially -- between you and me, especially if we don't
8 have overpasses and underpasses, which we're not going
9 to get.

10 Thank you.

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