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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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10 STATEMENT OF:
11 BONNIE SMITH
12 AUGUST 27, 2008
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18 BARRINGTON, ILLINOIS
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1 MS. SMITH: Bonnie Smith in
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2 Barrington.

3 My concerns are primarily
4 emergency response. We live across the
5 tracks from Good Shepherd Hospital, and I
6 can foresee big problems, life and death
7 problems, in getting from our area to the
8 hospital, and sometimes five, ten minutes
9 can be a matter of life and death.

10 We live in a retirement
11 community where a lot of people have to go
12 by ambulance, and it's a -- it's a very
13 threatening situation to us.

14 I have other concerns with
15 environment. Confusion in talking to
16 people about how many trains there might
17 be, and what they say the traffic impact is
18 going to be doesn't make sense to me
19 because I've been stopped at some of those
20 places and it's -- it's considerable, and
21 if you put that many more trains, longer
22 trains, it's bound to be just really a big
23 impact as far as getting from one area to
24 another. Not just for convenience, that

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1 you would be late for an appointment or
2 something, I think it goes much deeper than
3 that.

4 A gentleman was just saying that
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5 they can make improvements on the track and
6 on the conditions and so forth, but that's
7 just maybe going to let them have more
8 trains, I don't know.

9 I don't know about underpasses
10 too. They'll build an underpass, but we're
11 on a peat bog, apparently. Well, sometimes
12 construction is not feasible. So even if
13 you have the money to do such a thing, I
14 don't know if it can be done
15 environmentally.

16 That's about all.

17 (End of statement.)

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