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1 SCOPING MEETING FOR THE PROPOSED CANADIAN NATIONAL
2 RAILWAY COMPANY ACQUISITION OF THE ELGIN, JOLIET AND
3 EASTERN RAILWAY COMPANY
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9 STATEMENT OF:

10 PATSY GRAVES

11 AUGUST 25, 2008
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14 HOLIDAY INN HOTEL

15 500 HOLIDAY PLAZA DRIVE

16 MATTESON, ILLINOIS
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MRS. GRAVES: My name is Patsy

Graves, 353 Waverly Street in Park Forest,
Illinois. I'm against the CN -- the Canadian
National Railroad coming through because they
already do have which is not as efficient but
it's going to destroy, I think, the quality
of life in Park Forest.

It's going to prohibit the emergency
vehicles, school buses and traffic in general
and I feel like it's going to affect our
value of our homes. It's going to be an
environmental issue as far as I'm concerned
and I just think they really have a lot of --
I think it's audacious of them to assume that
they can just do this without providing all
the amenities needed to disguise, make it
more attractive, safer.

I just think it's going to be a real
detriment to the quality of life. Noise and
then apparently living close to the train
causes a lot of damage to the house. People
speak of windows rattling.

I think it's going to deter the value
of our -- any future development of people

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wanting to improve their houses. I think
that's about all I can think of.

We don't even know what they carry,
what is included in the freight that they

5 carry and just because they as a business
6 want to do this doesn't mean that we should
7 allow it.

8 I think the citizens -- I think it's
9 a good thing that the citizens are speaking
10 of, but I've heard that it's really a done
11 deal. It's hard to know. My husband is in
12 agreement.