

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 NOWACKI
11 JANUARY 16, 2008
12 ONE GENESIS CENTER
13 GARY, INDIANA
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1 MR. NOWACKI: My name is James
2 Nowacki, N-o-w-a-c-k-i, 6307 Miller Avenue, Gary,
3 Indiana 46403.

4 I'm encouraged by Canadian National
5 Railroad's interest in acquiring the EJ&E
6 Railroad. I think it makes a very elegant
7 addition to their total railroad system.

8 It's very clear to me the obvious
9 advantages to having the EJ&E Railroad forming a
10 ring and connecting the five railroad routes that
11 make up their system in the Chicagoland area.

12 I'm some concerned about the
13 additional traffic at grade particularly in the
14 area between the Gary and -- Gary Highland route
15 heading south, but I think that the -- that can
16 be outweighed by the obvious advantages to the
17 rest of the system and the savings and time and
18 elimination of stalled trains and other parts of
19 the system.

20 I'm also happy that there will be
21 more efficient movement of what might be
22 considered hazardous material because I think
23 that railroads provide a safe, the safest way to
24 move those hazardous materials through an area.

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1 I like that much more than the alternative which
2 might be putting that material on trucks which I
3 think is more risky for moving it. So I want
4 to -- the other concern is the negotiations
5 between the railroad and the airport.

6 The city places considerable
7 importance on getting cooperation from the
8 railroads and moving the lines that are
9 obstructing the expansion of the airport's

10 runways. So it would be a matter that should be
11 important to the railroad and it's important to
12 residents of Gary, but I think overall the match
13 between the purchase looks like a good one and
14 would have a great advantage for both the
15 railroad's profitability and the use of -- and
16 moving freight through the area.

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