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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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MR. MURPHY: Justin Murphy. I serve
as the four city consortium chief of staff which
is a consortium of four cities comprised of East

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4 Chicago, Indiana, Hammond, Indiana, Gary, Indiana
5 and Whiting, Indiana, and I have been asked to
6 appear today on behalf of the mayor of Hammond to
7 express concern that the CN acquisition of EJ&E
8 may cause a conflict or operational concern at
9 the junction of the Porter branch in Ivanhoe.

10 The Surface Transportation Board in
11 the Conrail acquisition approved two settlement
12 agreements between the four cities and CSX
13 Railroad. Those two agreements became conditions
14 21, 119, and 189 of the Conrail merger.

15 In those conditions, CSX has agreed
16 to reroute freight trains from the BOTC line to
17 the Porter branch. The diamond at Ivanhoe which
18 currently has five trains a day and has a
19 projected increase to 30 trains a day would cause
20 a conflict in the freight reroute that the
21 Surface Transportation Board blessed in the prior
22 acquisition proceedings. So as communities, the
23 four cities are making the Surface Transportation
24 Board aware of the concern and we're asking the

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1 Surface Transportation Board to ensure that the
2 new acquisition does not adversely affect the
3 benefits from the Conrail acquisition.

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