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SOUTHERN by CANADIAN PACIFIC

DOCKET NO. FD 36500

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1 MR. BELNIAK: Hello, and welcome
2 to the public scoping meeting for the proposed
3 acquisition of the Kansas City Southern by
4 Canadian Pacific. The docket number for this
5 proposed merger is FD 36500.

6 My name is Alan Belniak and
7 I'm going to take you through the agenda for
8 this evening's meeting. I just provided
9 some introductions about the meeting itself.

10 Next, I'm going to walk
11 through some meeting logistics, how the
12 meeting will run. Then a member of the
13 Surface Transportation Board will provide
14 some welcome and opening remarks. We
15 will then shift to a video that shows
16 some more specific details about the
17 proposed project.

18 The remainder of the meeting
19 will be a comment session from the members of
20 the public and I'll provide details upon that
21 in just a moment.

22 So for those of you who
23 have used Zoom before, this should be pretty
24 familiar, but some of you have not. For

1 those of you using Zoom on a PC or a MAC or
2 mobile device, there's a series of buttons
3 down below.

4 For one, there should be
5 an interpretation button for you to select
6 the Spanish or Español channel to hear this
7 being simultaneously translated in Spanish.

8 There is also a live
9 transcript or closed captioning as well.
10 If you toggle that button on, you then have
11 a choice of where you would like to see
12 those captions or can hide them all together.
13 If you're dialing in by telephone, thank you
14 for joining us. Hopefully you can hear us.
15 There'll be an opportunity for you to provide
16 verbal comments later.

17 During that comment session,
18 and at the end of the presentation, is when
19 we will take those comments.

20 First, we're going to call
21 upon participants who are preregistered to
22 comment. After that, if you did not
23 preregister, you can use the feature called
24 Q and A inside of Zoom. It's a modified text

1 channel. It sends a message just to me
2 so if you press that on and then enter
3 your name, I'll add you to the -- the
4 list of queued speakers and I will add
5 you in the order of the name I received
6 you.

7 You can also use the
8 raised hand feature to speak as well and
9 again, I'll accept speakers in order of
10 that -- as I see the hands raised.

11 For those of you on the
12 telephone, the raised hand function is *9
13 and I'll say that once again when we --
14 when we begin the comment period.

15 Each speaker will be given
16 three minutes to speak to share your comment.
17 We ask, just like in any other public meeting,
18 that you exercise civility with your comments.
19 And for everyone's notification, this meeting
20 is being recorded.

21 So with that, I would like
22 to hand over the speaking role to a member
23 of the Surface Transportation Board. Josh?

24 MR. WAYLAND: Thanks, Alan.

1 Hello everyone and thank
2 you for joining us this evening for this
3 public scoping meeting for the proposed
4 acquisition of Kansas City Southern by
5 Canadian Pacific.

6 My name is Josh Wayland
7 and I am an environmental protection
8 specialist with the Surface Transportation
9 Board's Office of Environmental Analysis.
10 And I'm the project manager for the
11 Environmental Impact Statement for the
12 proposed merger of these two railroad
13 companies, Kansas City Southern and Canadian
14 Pacific.

15 We are sorry that we're
16 not able to be with you in person for these
17 public scoping meetings due to the ongoing
18 COVID-19 pandemic, but we are glad to be
19 able to meet with you all through this
20 online format and we are certainly looking
21 forward to hearing your comments a little
22 later in the meeting.

23 I see that at this time
24 we have 32 people on -- on the line tonight,

1 including those who turned into the Zoom
2 meeting and folks who have called in by
3 phone.

4 I want to recognize Dave
5 Navecky who is also from the Office of
6 Environmental Analysis. Thank you for
7 attending, Dave.

8 Thanks also to Alan and
9 the staff from VHB, our contractor, who is
10 assisting us with the preparation of the
11 Environmental Impact Statement.

12 Also, welcome to any
13 representatives from other agencies and
14 any elected officials who may have joined
15 us tonight. Thank you for attending.

16 I know Alan from VHB has
17 reviewed the process for the commenting
18 portion of the meeting, which will happen a
19 little bit later.

20 I just want to briefly
21 remind everyone that the main purpose of
22 today's meeting is to hear public comments
23 on the proposed acquisition as part of the
24 scoping process and we want to reserve as

1 much time as possible to allow people to
2 comment.

3 We will not be holding
4 a question and answer session today or at
5 any or the other scoping meetings and that
6 is to help ensure that everyone who wants
7 to speak has a chance to do so.

8 If you have questions
9 about the proposed acquisition or the
10 Surface Transportation Board's environmental
11 review process, I recommend that you visit
12 the Board's sponsored project website at
13 www.CP-KCSMergerEIS.com and we'll have that
14 website address on the screen in a little
15 bit.

16 Through that website,
17 you can find all of the project-related
18 information that is available to date,
19 including descriptions of the proposed
20 acquisition, the notice of intent that we
21 issued to begin the scoping process and an
22 interactive map showing how rail traffic
23 could change along the combined rail network
24 if the proposed acquisition is approved,

1 among other things.

2 Before we move into the
3 comment portion of the meeting tonight,
4 we would like to play a presentation for
5 you that will provide a brief overview of
6 the proposed acquisition and an overview
7 of the Surface Transportation Board's
8 environmental review process.

9 This presentation will be
10 available on the project website in case
11 you want to watch it again later.

12 With that, I would just want
13 to welcome everyone once again to the meeting.
14 Thank you for your participation in this
15 process and I'll ask Alan to please go ahead
16 and start the presentation.

17 MR. BELNIAK: Thank you. Please
18 standby for one moment.

19 (Whereupon, the video
20 presentation was shown
21 as follows:)

22 MR. WAYLAND: Hello and welcome
23 to this public scoping meeting for the proposed
24 acquisition of Kansas City Southern by Canadian

1 Pacific. The docket number for this proposed
2 merger is FD 36500.

3 This meeting is being hosted
4 by the Surface Transportation Board's Office
5 of Environmental Analysis, which is the lead
6 federal agency for the environmental review
7 of the proposed acquisition.

8 My name is Josh Wayland and
9 I am an environmental protection specialist
10 in the Office of Environmental Analysis.

11 In this presentation, I will
12 provide a brief overview of the environmental
13 review process for the proposed merger of
14 these two railroad companies, Canadian Pacific
15 and Kansas City Southern.

16 Here are the topics I will
17 be covering in this presentation. First,
18 I will briefly introduce the Surface
19 Transportation Board, the railroad applicants,
20 that's Canadian Pacific and Kansas City
21 Southern, and the applicants' proposed
22 acquisition of Kansas City Southern by
23 Canadian Pacific.

24 Second, I will provide

1 an overview of the environmental review
2 process.

3 Third, I will present some
4 of the details of the proposed acquisition.

5 Then I will cover the
6 preliminary list of impact topics that will
7 be covered in the Environmental Impact
8 Statement.

9 And finally, I will go over
10 the options for commenting during the scoping
11 process and for staying engaged during the
12 rest of the environmental review process.

13 Let's begin with an overview
14 of the federal agency. As I mentioned, I
15 work for the Surface Transportation Board.
16 The Surface Transportation Board, also
17 referred to as just the Board, or as STB,
18 is a federal bipartisan independent
19 adjudicatory board with broad economic
20 regulatory oversight of railroads, including
21 railroad rates and service as well as
22 abandonment, construction and operating
23 of railroad lines.

24 The Board is also the federal

1 agency that is responsible for reviewing
2 and authorizing proposed railroad mergers
3 such as the proposed acquisition of Kansas
4 City Southern by Canadian Pacific.

5 When considering whether
6 or not to authorize a proposed acquisition,
7 the Board considers both the transportation
8 merits of the proposal and the potential
9 environmental impacts of the proposal.

10 The Board's Office of
11 Environmental Analysis, or OEA, is the
12 office at the Board that is responsible
13 for conducting the environmental review.
14 And OEA does this under the National
15 Environmental Policy Act, or NEPA, and
16 related environmental laws.

17 For the proposed acquisition
18 of Kansas City Southern by Canadian Pacific,
19 OEA is preparing an Environmental Impact
20 Statement, or EIS, because the transaction
21 has the potential to result in significant
22 environmental impacts.

23 The proposed merger of
24 Canadian Pacific and Kansas City Southern is

1 not a project that is being proposed or
2 sponsored by the federal government. The
3 applicants in this case are two Class I
4 railroads that own and operate rail lines
5 in the United States, Canadian Pacific and
6 Kansas City Southern.

7 From here on out, I will
8 be referring to Canadian Pacific as CP and
9 Kansas City Southern a KCS. The acronym
10 CP refers to Canadian Pacific Railway, Limited,
11 Canadian Pacific Railway Company and their
12 U.S. rail carrier subsidiaries, Soo Line
13 Railroad Company, Central Main and Quebec
14 Railway, U.S. Incorporated, Dakota, Minnesota
15 and Eastern Railroad Corporation and Delaware
16 and Hudson Railway Company, Incorporated.

17 The term KCS refers to
18 Kansas City Southern and its U.S. rail
19 carrier subsidiaries, the Kansas City
20 Southern Railway Company, Gateway Eastern
21 Railway Company and the Texas/Mexican
22 Railway Company.

23 On October 29, 2021, CP
24 and KCS jointly filed an application seeking

1 authority from the Board for CP to acquire
2 KCS. If the Board authorizes the proposed
3 acquisition, the two companies and their
4 two railroad networks would combine and
5 they would form one system known as Canadian
6 Pacific Kansas City.

7 The proposed acquisition
8 would be an end-to-end merger because the
9 CP and KCS networks currently do not overlap.
10 The combined railroad system would be the
11 first to extend from Canada through the
12 United States and into Mexico.

13 The applicants, CP and
14 KCS, state that the combination would
15 provide benefits to shippers by creating
16 a more efficient transportation system.

17 The statute setting forth
18 the procedures for the Board's review of
19 acquisitions and the Board's own regulations
20 require that the Board complete its review
21 of proposed acquisitions within approximately
22 15 months after the application is accepted
23 and OEA must complete the environmental
24 review process before the Board issues its

1 final decision.

2 The proposed acquisition
3 would result in a number of changes,
4 including changes in rail traffic on portions
5 of the combined rail network. Rail traffic
6 would increase on some rail line segments
7 and it would decrease on others.

8 Levels of activity at
9 certain rail yards and certain intermodal
10 facilities could change as a result of
11 the proposed acquisition as well.

12 And the applicants plan
13 to make a number of capital improvements
14 in the rail right-of-way to support the
15 increased rail traffic on some rail lines.

16 These capital improvements
17 would include adding new passing sidings,
18 extending some existing sidings, adding
19 double track and adding a facility working
20 track at a couple of locations in the rail
21 right-of-way.

22 According to the applicants,
23 the purpose of the proposed acquisition is
24 to combine America's two smallest, but fastest

1 growing Class I railroads, CP and KCS, to
2 build a more efficient and more competitive
3 rail network.

4 The applicants state that
5 the proposed acquisition would further the
6 need for expanded and more capable and
7 efficient transportation infrastructure
8 while simultaneously advancing the interests
9 of current and future customers in more
10 reliable and economical rail transportation
11 options serving important north/south trade
12 flows.

13 The applicants also state
14 that the proposed acquisition would generate
15 environmental benefits by reducing truck
16 transportation on highways in North America
17 by more than 60,000 trucks annually. This
18 could result in less congestion, less
19 maintenance and improved safety on those
20 roads as well as less noise pollution in
21 the places where those trucks would have
22 driven and lowered air emissions, including
23 lowered greenhouse gas emissions.

24 Now, I will turn to the

1 environmental review process. As I have
2 mentioned, before the Board can authorize
3 the proposed acquisition, it must first
4 consider the impacts of the merger on the
5 environment.

6 This is a requirement
7 of the National Environmental Policy Act,
8 or NEPA. NEPA is intended to assist
9 the Board, that's the federal agency, and
10 the public in identifying and assessing
11 potential and environmental consequences
12 of a proposed action such as this proposed
13 acquisition of KCS by CP.

14 OEA is preparing an
15 Environmental Impact Statement, or EIS,
16 that will assess the potential environmental
17 impacts of the proposed acquisition. And
18 the EIS will also address related environmental
19 laws as appropriate such as Section 106 of
20 the National Historic Preservation Act and
21 Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act.

22 This slide shows the
23 generalized Environmental Impact Statement,
24 or EIS, process. OEA initiated the process

1 by issuing a notice of intent to prepare
2 an EIS on November 12, 2021.

3 The issuance of that
4 notice of intent began a scoping process,
5 which will continue until December 17,
6 2021.

7 During scoping, we are
8 requesting public comments on the scope
9 of the EIS, including issues to be analyzed
10 in the EIS.

11 At the end of the scoping
12 process, OEA will issue a final scope of
13 study and will then prepare a draft EIS.

14 After the draft EIS is
15 issued, there will be a public comment
16 period and additional public meetings.
17 OEA will then prepare a final EIS that
18 will address the public and agency comments
19 on the draft.

20 The Board will then issue
21 its final decision on the proposed acquisition
22 after considering the entire record, including
23 the draft EIS, the final EIS and public and
24 agency comments.

1 As shown on the previous
2 slide, we are currently in the scoping
3 process for the Environmental Impact
4 Statement, or EIS. Scoping is an open
5 process that is intended to involve
6 interested agencies, other stakeholders
7 and the public in helping the lead agency
8 to determine the range of issues to be
9 examined and assessed in the EIS.

10 As part of this process,
11 OEA is requesting your comments on the
12 scope of EIS, including the issues to be
13 analyzed.

14 OEA is also conducting
15 agency consultation during this time and
16 requesting comments from interested agencies
17 about impacts from the proposed acquisition
18 on resources under their jurisdiction.

19 Later in this presentation,
20 I will go over the ways in which you can
21 submit your written scoping comments. Written
22 comments must be sent by the end of the scoping
23 period on December 17, 2021.

24 Following the presentation,

1 there will be an opportunity for you to
2 deliver oral comments. Whether delivered
3 orally at a public scoping meeting or
4 submitted in writing, all scoping comments
5 will be considered equally and all comments
6 will be made available to the public on the
7 Board's website at www.stb.gov.

8 After the end of scoping,
9 OEA will prepare a draft EIS for the proposed
10 acquisition.

11 A draft EIS will identify
12 and analyze alternatives, including the no
13 action alternative. The draft EIS will
14 address issues and concerns identified
15 during scoping and it will focus on several
16 types of potential environmental impacts.

17 It will address impacts
18 from increases in rail traffic on rail
19 lines where those increases would exceed
20 the Board's thresholds for environmental
21 review.

22 These could include air
23 quality impacts, noise impacts and impacts
24 on traffic safety and delay at road

1 crossings.

2 The draft EIS will also
3 assess potential impacts at rail yards
4 where the Board's thresholds for environmental
5 review would be met.

6 And finally, the draft
7 EIS will assess potential impacts from
8 planned capital improvements within the
9 rail right-of-way, including adding new
10 passing sidings, extending existing
11 sidings, adding double track and adding
12 facility working track.

13 OEA at this time anticipates
14 issuing the draft EIS in the spring of 2022
15 and the draft EIS will then be made available
16 for public and agency review and comment for
17 45 days.

18 The draft EIS will assess
19 potential environmental impacts at locations
20 where the Board's thresholds for environmental
21 review would be met. The thresholds can be
22 found in the Board's environmental regulations
23 at 49 CFR 1107(e).

24 For rail lines, the threshold

1 for environmental review is an increase
2 in rail traffic of at least 100 percent
3 measured in gross ton miles annually or
4 an increase of at least eight trains per
5 day.

6 For rail lines in areas
7 that are in non-attainment under the Clean
8 Air Act, there is an additional threshold
9 for the analysis of air quality impacts,
10 which is an increase in rail traffic of
11 at least 50 percent measured in gross ton
12 miles annually or an increase of at least
13 three trains per day.

14 For rail yards, the
15 threshold for environmental review is
16 an increase in rail yard activity of
17 at least 100 percent measured by carload
18 activity.

19 And for railcars in
20 non-attainment areas, the threshold for
21 air quality analysis is an increase in
22 rail yard activity of at least 20 percent,
23 also measured by carload activity.

24 For affected railways, the

1 threshold for environmental review is
2 an increase in truck traffic of more
3 than ten percent of the average daily
4 traffic or 50 vehicles per day.

5 After issuing the draft
6 EIS and receiving public and agency
7 comments on the draft EIS during the
8 public comment period, OEA will prepare
9 and issue a final EIS that will address
10 those comments.

11 The final EIS will also
12 set forth OEA's final recommendations to
13 the Board regarding the environmental
14 impacts of the proposed acquisition,
15 including OEA's final recommended mitigation
16 measures.

17 This slide shows the
18 anticipated schedule for the EIS. As I
19 mentioned earlier, OEA issued the notice
20 of intent to prepare an EIS on November
21 12, 2021.

22 The public comment period
23 for scoping will last until December 17,
24 2001, (sic.) and OEA is holding six public

1 meetings during scoping.

2 At this time OEA anticipates
3 issuing a final scope of study for the EIS
4 in winter of 2022 and the draft EIS in the
5 spring of 2022.

6 We will hold a public
7 comment period and additional public meetings
8 following the issuance of the draft EIS in
9 the spring.

10 We anticipate issuing the
11 final EIS in the fall of 2022 and the
12 Board will make its final decision on the
13 proposed acquisition after the issuance
14 of the final EIS.

15 I will now discuss some
16 of the details of the proposed acquisition.
17 The map on this slide shows the current
18 CP and KCS rail networks.

19 On this map, the current
20 CP network is shown in red. In the U.S.,
21 CP connects to Buffalo and Albany, New York
22 and Searsport, Maine. It also runs south
23 into the midwest of the United States and
24 connects with KCS in Kansas City, Missouri.

1 The KCS network is shown
2 here in orange. It extends from Kansas
3 City, Missouri to the Gulf Coast and into
4 Mexico operating across ten states in the
5 midwest and southeast. The two companies'
6 networks connect in Kansas City, Missouri.

7 The map on this slide
8 shows the projected increase in freight
9 train traffic along the new combined
10 network with darker lines representing
11 larger increases in train traffic.

12 The darkest color represents
13 the rail lines where the increase would
14 exceed the Board's threshold for environmental
15 review of eight trains per day. Rail lines
16 that would exceed the Board's threshold
17 include the CP line extending westward from
18 Chicago, Illinois to Sabula, Iowa; the CP
19 line extending southward from Sabula to
20 Kansas City, Missouri; and the KCS line
21 extending southward from Kansas City toward
22 the Mexican border at Laredo, Texas.

23 The largest increase in
24 rail traffic would occur on the CP rail

1 line between Sabula, Iowa and Kansas City,
2 Missouri. On that rail line, the projected
3 increase in traffic could be approximately
4 14.4 additional trains per day on average.

5 The draft EIS will assess
6 the potential environmental impacts from
7 this increased rail traffic on those rail
8 lines where thresholds for environmental
9 review would be met.

10 For more information about
11 the potential train traffic increases,
12 please visit the Board sponsored project
13 website at www.CP-KCSMergerEIS.com. There,
14 you can view an interactive map showing
15 the projected traffic changes for every
16 individual rail line segment in the
17 combined system.

18 The map on this slide
19 shows the locations of planned capital
20 improvement projects along the rail
21 right-of-way.

22 The applicants have
23 identified 26 locations where capital
24 improvements would be made. Those projects

1 would include adding 11 new passing sidings,
2 extending 13 existing passing sidings,
3 adding approximately four miles of double
4 track and adding approximately five miles
5 of facility working track all within the
6 rail right-of-way.

7 For more information
8 regarding the planned capital improvements,
9 please visit the Board-sponsored project
10 website. Again, it's www.CP-KCSMergerEIS.com
11 where you can view an interactive map showing
12 the locations of each capital improvement
13 project.

14 This slide lists the types
15 of impacts that OEA will assess in the draft
16 EIS. The draft EIS will analyze impacts
17 related to freight rail capacity and safety,
18 passenger rail capacity and safety, grade
19 crossing safety and traffic delay, traffic
20 and roadway systems, air quality, noise,
21 biological resources, water resources,
22 hazardous waste sites, cultural resources,
23 environmental justice and cumulative
24 impacts.

1 At this time I would
2 like to discuss how you can submit your
3 comments. As I mentioned earlier, there
4 will be an opportunity following this
5 presentation for interested individuals
6 to deliver comments orally.

7 If you prefer to submit
8 written comments, there are several ways
9 in which you can do so. You can submit
10 written comments electronically through
11 the Board-sponsored project website.
12 Again, that's www.CP-KCSMergerEIS.com or
13 through the Board's website at www.stb.gov.

14 We do encourage you to
15 submit written comments electronically
16 through one of those websites. However,
17 if you would like to submit written
18 comments by mail, you can send them
19 to the address shown on this slide.

20 Please address mailed
21 comments to me, Joshua Wayland, Surface
22 Transportation Board, care of VHB 940,
23 Main Campus Drive, Suite 500, Raleigh,
24 North Carolina, zip code 27606, attention

1 environmental filing docket number
2 FD 36500. Please do be sure to refer
3 to docket number FD 36500 in any written
4 documents that you submit.

5 Please also note that
6 any comments you submit will be made
7 public on the Board's website and also
8 note that the scoping comments for this
9 product must be sent no later than
10 December 17, 2021.

11 The Board sponsored project
12 website at www.CP-KCSMergerEIS.com includes
13 project information, including project-related
14 documents and an interactive map.

15 This slide shows the public
16 involvement page on the project website. From
17 this page, you can submit your written scoping
18 comments directly into the comment box that's
19 shown at the right.

20 If you would like to upload
21 an attachment with your comments, such as a
22 letter, you can do so through the Board's
23 website at www.stb.gov.

24 This slide shows the Board's

1 environmental comment form. On this form,
2 there is an option to upload files such as
3 Microsoft Word documents or PDF files as
4 part of your scoping comments.

5 This slide shows how you
6 can stay informed and engaged throughout
7 the remainder of the EIS process. For
8 updates about the environmental review
9 process, you can review the Board-sponsored
10 website. One more time, that's
11 www.CP-KCSMergerEIS.com.

12 To view Board decisions,
13 filings or environmental comments related
14 to the proposed acquisition, please visit
15 the Board's website at www.stb.gov.

16 To receive updates by
17 email, sign up for the project email list
18 through the project website.

19 There are also resources
20 available in the online meeting room that
21 you used to enter this online meeting.
22 That meeting room will stay open for the
23 remainder of the scoping process so you
24 can come back to review the materials as

1 often as you like.

2 If you have questions
3 about the environmental review process,
4 you can also email the project to email
5 address at contact@CP-KCSMergerEIS.com
6 or you can call the information line at
7 (888) 319-2337. That's toll free (888)
8 319-2337.

9 This brings us to the
10 end of the presentation portion of today's
11 public meeting. I will now turn the
12 meeting back over to the facilitators
13 to begin the public comment portion of
14 the meeting.

15 Thank you for your
16 interest in the environmental review
17 process for this proposed acquisition.
18 We look forward to hearing your comments.

19 (Video concluded.)

20 MR. BELNIAK: Thank you for
21 that.

22 Give me one moment to
23 paste some information into the chat for
24 those who may have just joined and I

1 will resume sharing the presentation.

2 At this point, we shall
3 begin the comment session. I do see from
4 our attendance that some people have
5 joined late. So I'm going to step back
6 a few slides just to remind everyone how
7 the -- for the administrative items for
8 how the comment session will work.

9 Once again, we are
10 simultaneously broadcasting and interpreting
11 in Spanish and you can access that using the
12 interpretation button in your Zoom controls.
13 We are also featuring a live transcript
14 generated by artificial intelligence that
15 you can also access in the bottom tray of
16 your Zoom controls for those of you using
17 Zoom on a PC, MAC or mobile device.

18 We are just about ready
19 to begin the comment session. As a reminder,
20 this is being recorded. Each person will be
21 given three minutes to speak to share their
22 comments.

23 Again, this is not a Q
24 and A session or question and answer

1 session, as Josh as alluded to earlier.
2 It's an opportunity to gather comments
3 and feedback from the public.

4 We're going to begin
5 now in just a moment. We did have a few
6 people register.

7 Let me just take a quick
8 look at our list of attendees to see if
9 I see them in our audience. Give me one
10 moment to scan the list.

11 I understand some of the
12 people who have registered to attend may
13 be here on telephone. So if I don't see
14 your name listed in Zoom, I'm going to
15 call your name out and if you're here,
16 you can raise your hand. Give me one more
17 moment to look.

18 Okay. I don't see anyone
19 who is registered to speak in Zoom first,
20 I'm going to call your name out to speak.
21 So if there's a Matthew Pearce in the audience,
22 Matthew, on telephone, please raise your
23 hand and you can do so by pressing *9 on
24 your telephone. I will give Matthew a moment

1 to do that.

2 While Matthew is finding
3 that, if he's with us today, David Wolf.
4 David, if you could press *9 on your
5 telephone, if you're joining us by telephone,
6 please do so.

7 And the third person I see
8 registered for today is Jesse McKnight.
9 Jesse McKnight, if you're with us via
10 telephone, please press *9.

11 Okay. I do see a second
12 hand raised. I don't know if that's
13 Jesse McKnight or just someone else who
14 is raising their hand.

15 Before we get to those,
16 let me just first ask if there are any
17 members -- any elected officials with us
18 this evening who would like to speak,
19 please go ahead and raise your hand.

20 Okay. I do not see any
21 raised hands from elected officials. So
22 now I'm going to proceed with the hands
23 raised that I see. So the first hand
24 raised, I'm going to call out. So just

1 give me one moment to get my bearings.

2 Okay. All right. So
3 the first person I'm going to call out
4 is the phone number ending in 656. The
5 phone number ending in 656. I sent
6 command to you to unmute your telephone.
7 And when you do, the floor is yours for
8 your three minutes for your comments.

9 MR. McKNIGHT: Yes, this is
10 Jes- -- this is Jesse McKnight and my
11 comment is Canadian Pacific is dangerous
12 and this is urgently dangerous. It is
13 bad for the environment. We have to start
14 thinking about our children and not so
15 much about money. Thank you.

16 MR. BELNIAK: Okay. Thank you,
17 Jesse.

18 Give me one moment to go
19 to the next speaker.

20 The next hand raised I see
21 is a phone number ending in 891, 891. I'm
22 going to send a command for you to unmute
23 your microphone -- your telephone, excuse
24 me. And when you do, the floor is yours.

1 So it'll be *6 for you to
2 unmute your -- your telephone, phone number
3 ending in 891.

4 MS. CHRISTINE: Hello. Thank
5 you. Thank you so much for calling me. My
6 name is Christine. Thank you for having this
7 session, first of all, to get feedback from
8 the community.

9 I just wanted to let you all
10 know that I'm opposed to the merger for many
11 reasons. Mainly, environmental.

12 As a mother, I'm concerned
13 not only because of the impact that the
14 build out would make -- that would make the
15 scope of work that has been outlined in the
16 plans possible, but also because of the
17 potential environmental impact should there
18 be a train accident or derailment resulting
19 in a large spillage. Not the best way to
20 move oil.

21 It is not safe for animals
22 or people and would greatly affect the
23 environment, especially with the plans for
24 increased train traffic with as many in

1 some areas as nine times a day as what's
2 currently happening up to 14 additional
3 train routes in some areas.

4 While railroad was a
5 preferred train -- method of transportation
6 in the past, technology and better options
7 now exist and should be greatly considered
8 especially taking into the environmental
9 impact that it would have on your planet.

10 Thank you again for the
11 opportunity to express my concerns and
12 have a nice evening.

13 MR. BELNIAK: Thank you, Christine.

14 Give me one moment to move to
15 the next speaker.

16 Just a reminder for everyone
17 here speaking tonight, we are offering up
18 secondary language translation so if you could
19 endeavor to speak slowly to make sure to give
20 our interpreters a moment to -- to catch up
21 with that translation.

22 So all right. I'm going to
23 call up the next name and then the next name
24 on deck as well so everyone's ready.

1 So Mike Best is the next
2 hand I see. After Mike Best is a phone number
3 ending in 365.

4 So, Mike, I'm going to send
5 a command to you to unmute your -- your line.
6 And with that, you should have three minutes
7 to offer up your comments. Thank you, Mike.

8 MR. BEST: Hey, this is Mike.
9 How's everybody doing? I really appreciate
10 the opportunity to speak.

11 This merger -- the proposed
12 merger is dangerous, as the previous caller
13 said. It's dangerous to the environment.
14 It's dangerous to the people in Minnesota.

15 And, you know, the two
16 things that strike me about this is that
17 we're -- we're proposing to run more trains
18 that are environmentally hazardous through
19 the state of Minnesota on a pre-existing
20 architecture, which means that, you know,
21 our current infrastructure is supposed to
22 support these dangerous and volatile trains.
23 It's just not going to work.

24 And it's -- it's putting

1 mil- -- it's putting thousands of people at
2 risk both in terms of their health, in
3 terms of, you know, their livelihoods,
4 and -- and also, you know, obviously,
5 like, it runs across major riv- --
6 waterways, which puts our water at risk
7 as well.

8 Canadian Pacific, furthermore,
9 has a track record of really horrible accidents,
10 entire towns experiencing explosions based off
11 of these trains. They're simply not safe enough
12 to be able to do this work.

13 And the idea that they would
14 run 15 to 25 -- or whatever is proposed --
15 more trains, given their already lax of safety
16 protocols is really, you know, very, very
17 disturbing.

18 And then, you know, most
19 importantly, running these trains from
20 Minnesota, I -- I personally would like to
21 hear indigenous voices heard. We really
22 need to rely -- the indigenous community
23 has led the way in environmental activism
24 for -- since environmental activism was a

1 thing.

2 And they really need to be
3 consulted on these matters. Thank you.

4 MR. BELNIAK: Thank you, Mike.

5 Give me one moment to get
6 ready for the next speaker.

7 All right. For those of
8 you joining late, just a reminder, if you
9 would like to speak, you can use the raised
10 hand button on the bottom tray of Zoom
11 controls. You can also use the Q and A
12 item to register. Let me know that you'd
13 like to speak.

14 If you're dialing in from
15 the telephone, *9 is the same as the raised
16 hand feature that some of you have been
17 using. I just want to call that out.

18 Once more, if you are
19 given the opportunity to speak and share
20 your comments, you have three minutes
21 and please do your best to speak in a --
22 just a bit of a slower voice to give our
23 interpreters a chance to stay on track
24 with you.

1 So coming up next is the
2 phone number ending in 365. And just
3 after that, will be the phone number
4 ending in 235. So the 365, I'm going
5 to send a command to you to open your
6 mic, unmute your phone and you can share
7 your comment with us, please. Wonderful.

8 MR. EVANS: Hello. This is
9 William Evans. Yeah, I just want to thank
10 you for having me on the call and I just
11 want to state my opposition to the -- to
12 the merger that's proposed here for a lot
13 of reasons that the folks that have called
14 in before me did, but also, too, I -- I
15 have a lot of worries about Canadian
16 Pacific's safety record in Canada.

17 I mean, they've accrued,
18 like, over a -- I think it's something like
19 \$2 million and something like that that says,
20 hey, they have this corporate culture that
21 disregards, like, safety and how they operate
22 and also, too, I mean, if they operate that
23 way in their own country, I'm worried about
24 how they'd operate here. So thank you for

1 your time.

2 MR. BELNIAK: Thank you for that.

3 Give me one moment while I
4 queue up the next speaker.

5 Okay. The next hand raised,
6 I see, as I mentioned a moment ago, is a
7 number ending in 235. So 235, I've sent a
8 command to your device to unmute your line.
9 And when you do, you'll have three minutes
10 to share your comments. There you go.

11 MR. WOODS: Umm, yeah. Thank
12 you.

13 My name a Charles Woods.
14 I'm just opposed to this merger as I just
15 have some worries about the environmental
16 impact that this will lead to.

17 Obviously, it's not going
18 to be just the building of the railroads,
19 but actually the use of the railroads. It's
20 still going to be hazardous for people and
21 animals.

22 And like others said
23 before, if anything were to occur, like, an
24 environmental spill, it's just going to be

1 a catastrophe because these companies have
2 a track record of being negligent.

3 And I really just think
4 that this needs to be looked into further
5 before any harsh decisions are made.

6 Thank you. I appreciate your time.

7 MR. BELNIAK: Thank you for
8 that, Charles.

9 Give me one moment. Okay.
10 With that, just one more reminder, if we
11 have any elected officials in the audience
12 who would like to speak, please do so by
13 raising your hand or toggle the Q and A
14 feature and empty your information there
15 and I will promote you to speaking abilities.
16 We are translating in Spanish.

17 For those of you interested,
18 please toggle the interpretation button in
19 the bottom row of Zoom controls to access
20 the Spanish translation. We're also
21 featuring live closed captioning as well.
22 This meeting is being recorded. We welcome
23 your comments.

24 We're asking people to please

1 be civil stick, stick to three minutes, which
2 everyone has done so far. So thank you very
3 much for that.

4 Once again, you can use the
5 raised hand feature in Zoom or you can toggle
6 *9 on your telephone to indicate to me that
7 you'd like to raise your hand and speak as
8 well.

9 At the moment, I don't see
10 any raised hands for additional speakers.
11 And so with that, I'll pause for a moment
12 to give anyone an opportunity to raise their
13 hand. Thank you very much.

14 I see Sam Davis. So give
15 me -- Sam, give me one moment to prepare
16 you to speak. Sam, I'm going to send a
17 command to your device to let you speak
18 and when you do, you'll have three minutes
19 to share your comments. Welcome.

20 MR. DAVIS: Thank you. Sam
21 Davis here calling from Minnesota.

22 One thing I wanted to say
23 is that obviously this is a merger that
24 should not happen given the environmental

1 impact that could occur.

2 These trains are dangerous.
3 It's dangerous to everybody who lives in
4 Minnesota. It's dangerous to the environment.
5 It's dangerous to the rivers. It's dangerous
6 to the water. It's dangerous to the very
7 people who live here.

8 We simply cannot allow this
9 to happen. Previous callers said there's
10 really a problem with their safety record
11 and that's what my own research has shown
12 me. So I'd just like to voice my opposition
13 to this. Thank you.

14 MR. BELNIAK: Thank you, Sam.

15 All right. Okay. Scanning
16 once more, I don't see any other hands raised
17 at the moment. Just to let everyone know,
18 the meeting started at 6:00 p.m. central.
19 We are schedule to go until 8:00 p.m. central.

20 If there are no speakers
21 at the moment, we are intending to stay on
22 the line -- keep the lines open for the
23 comment sessions. So we will do that. I
24 do see a hand raised. So thanks very much.

1 So Tamara Hibbard. Tamara,
2 I hope I said your name correctly, both
3 your first and last name. I'm going to
4 send a command to you to open your line.
5 And when you do, you'll have a fresh three
6 minutes to share your comments. Hello.
7 Welcome.

8 MS. HIBBARD: Hello. Can you
9 hear me?

10 MR. BELNIAK: Yes. Tamara,
11 we are here. We can hear you.

12 MS. HIBBARD: Okay. Sorry. I'm
13 from a very, very small town in Oklahoma,
14 small Oklahoma. I haven't really done a lot
15 of research on the -- the issue, but -- but
16 I did see that -- that increase on it would
17 be, like, an extra eight trains or so going
18 through per day.

19 The issue that I see with
20 my mother's small town is that we have one --
21 one highway or one road that runs through
22 our community and the train crosses -- the train
23 tracks cross that one road.

24 And we already have an issue

1 with a train being on the tracks and the buses
2 not being able to go through or ambulances
3 not being able to go through. So if there's
4 an increase in train traffic, then we're
5 going to have an increase on our -- on our
6 critical facilities. That's my input on
7 the opposition.

8 MR. BELNIAK: Okay. Thank you,
9 Tamara, for your comments. I appreciate
10 those.

11 All right. Give me one
12 moment to ready the next speaker. The next
13 speaker is -- opps -- let me -- okay. So
14 the next -- the next speaker signed in using
15 a name -- presumably the pseudonym nobombtrains.

16 Next, on deck after that,
17 is the phone number ending in 185. So for
18 now, we are going to grant speaking access
19 for three minutes to share comments to
20 nobombtrains.

21 And with that, once you
22 take yourself off mute, the floor is yours
23 for three minutes of comments.

24 MS. LEWIS: Hey, my name is

1 Melanie Lewis and I grew up along a railroad,
2 which when I saw this happening, I just
3 had to speak up because of all of the
4 noise and just the smell of the diesel
5 engines that would go by our house, at
6 our school and how disruptive that was.

7 And that made me think
8 about all of the potential accidents,
9 not just rail yards or intersections,
10 but the derailments.

11 And I started looking
12 in Canadian Pacific's record and just
13 into about 20 minutes, I found that this
14 August in St. Paul, three trains crashed
15 and spilled 1,200 gallons of diesel.

16 In March of 2021, 22
17 cars carrying lumber, molten sulfur and
18 asphalt derailed.

19 In December of 2009, 26
20 cars derailed and -- here in Minnesota
21 and sent a train into the -- the river.

22 In February of last year,
23 a crude oil train in Saskatchewan derailed
24 and part of the town had to be evacuated.

1 And, of course, there's the town in Quebec
2 that was flattened by a Canadian Pacific oil
3 train blowing up after a derailling.

4 This February, at Crows Nest
5 Pass in Rocky -- in the Rocky Mountains, two
6 Canadian Pacific trains derailed 48 cars and
7 fell off the tracks and went into the lake
8 right there.

9 Then in Minot, North Dakota,
10 there was a massive release of anhydrous
11 ammonia back in 2002 from a Canadian Pacific
12 train derailment.

13 And in 2019, a runaway
14 Canadian Pacific train resulted in three
15 of the crew members dying and all those --
16 those family members are still trying to
17 get answers after -- after Canadian Pacific
18 apparently tried to cover it up.

19 And again, this August,
20 so recently, a town in Iowa had to be
21 evacuated when a Canadian Pacific train
22 derailed.

23 This, I found, in just
24 a little bit of time on the internet on

1 Google and anyone who wants to look into
2 this, it's you'll find more and more of
3 these accidents. It's not safe. They're
4 not planning on improving any of the trains
5 here.

6 And in St. Paul, it's --
7 it's just -- it just means more of these
8 accidents could happen. And if it's the
9 slightest potential that one of these
10 accidents could happen right here in the
11 middle of the Twin Cities, if something
12 should explode, how many people would be
13 killed?

14 We've been through enough
15 already. We don't need a foreign corporation
16 doing all of this -- this to us.

17 Thank you for -- for letting
18 me speak. And please, please, please think
19 about the safety of everyone here and what
20 could happen if this irresponsible corporation
21 is allowed even more -- even more track and
22 ability to do this to even more people.

23 Thanks. Bye-bye.

24 MR. BELNIAK: Thank you for your

1 comments. Appreciate those.

2 Give me one moment to
3 queue up the next speaker. The next hand
4 raised -- just before I call on it -- excuse
5 me -- the next hand raised, just a reminder,
6 if you're on the telephone and would like
7 to speak, *9 raises your hand. You can use
8 the *9 command in the bottom tray of Zoom
9 controls to raise your hand if you'd like
10 to speak. You've got three minutes to share
11 comments. We'd love to hear them. That's
12 why we're here this evening.

13 You can also use the
14 information shared in the chat window to
15 submit comments through email or -- or
16 peruse the website to gain more information.

17 With that, I'd like to
18 call out the speaker whose phone number
19 ends in 185 and just on deck after that
20 is phone number ending in 445. So 185,
21 I sent a command to you to open your mic
22 and unmute.

23 With that, you'll have
24 three minutes. And that -- there you go.

1 MR. PETERSON: Hello. Good --
2 hello. Good evening.

3 MR. BELNIAK: Good evening.

4 MR. PETERSON: My name is
5 Christopher Peterson. I'd just like to say
6 thank you for letting me speak.

7 And I'm totally against
8 the merger because of the environmental
9 impact it has and will have if it actually
10 happens. So yeah, that's not a good idea.

11 Thank you for letting me
12 share.

13 MR. BELNIAK: Thank you,
14 Christopher. We appreciate you sharing
15 your comments.

16 All right. Give me one
17 moment once again to prepare for the next
18 speaker.

19 And with that, the next
20 speaker I see, as I mentioned a moment ago,
21 is the phone number ending in 445.

22 Once again, if you'd like
23 to speak, *9 on the telephone, raise hand
24 in the bottom tray of Zoom controls. Please

1 remember to speak slowly for our interpreters.

2 And with that, 445, I've
3 sent the command to you to unmute your mic.
4 And when you've done so, the floor is yours.
5 Welcome.

6 MR. CARTER: Oh, hi. Thanks for
7 having me on.

8 My name is Joes- -- Joe
9 Carter and I really want to thank you for,
10 well, having me on.

11 But I've been doing some
12 reading on, like, oil accidents and stuff
13 and I'm a bit worried especially about the
14 trains with, like, how many accidents happen
15 every year and just, you know, the noise
16 complaints and just, you know, like, a
17 lot of the people on the call were saying
18 earlier, and it has me a bit worried.

19 So, yeah, that's all I gotta
20 say. Thank you for your time.

21 MR. BELNIAK: Thank you very
22 much for that.

23 Okay. Scanning my list,
24 I don't see any other hands raised at the

1 moment. I would like to reiterate if there
2 are any elected officials or, if I did not
3 say this earlier, members of the media who
4 would like to raise their hand to share a
5 comment, now would be a good time to do so.

6 Raised hand button in the
7 bottom tray in Zoom controls and *9 on
8 your telephone does the same thing.

9 I will re-paste into the
10 chat the details on how you can stay informed
11 of the project for those who have maybe have
12 joined late. So that's coming in the chat
13 in just a moment. You should be able to see
14 it now. This gives you a chance to copy and
15 paste that down for after the meeting is over.

16 Scanning the list once
17 more, I don't see any additional hands
18 raised. As a reminder, we are here until
19 8:00 p.m. -- excuse me -- yeah, 8:00 p.m.
20 central.

21 So we still have an hour
22 or so. If anyone would like to share comments,
23 we invite you to do so.

24 Seeing as we have no

1 additional hands raised at the moment,
2 although we do invite news figures, if
3 you have already spoken earlier and would
4 like a fresh three minutes to add to your
5 previous time, we are inviting you to
6 rejoin the speaking queue.

7 So if so, even if you've
8 already spoken, you may choose to do so
9 by pressing *9 on telephone or use a raised
10 hand button in Zoom and we would invite you
11 to give you a fresh three minutes to speak.

12 I'm not seeing any hands
13 raised at the moment so we will continue
14 to hang out and wait for opportunities to
15 take your comments.

16 Just to let you know, we
17 are still accessing or still accepting
18 comments -- excuse me. I just want to shift
19 the slide to display the contact information
20 on the screen. So we are still accepting
21 comments and here's additional information
22 for you.

23 Okay. It looks like a
24 previous speaker would like to speak once

1 again. Nobombtrains, I believe, was Melanie
2 Lewis, if I have that correct, but let me
3 do the -- Melanie -- excuse me -- nobombtrains,
4 I'm not sure if I have your name correct,
5 so I'll send a command for you to open your
6 line or unmute your mic and when you do, the
7 floor is yours.

8 MS. LEWIS: Thank you for letting
9 me speak again. I -- I just want to point
10 out that in all of this process one person
11 was the only person to speak up and point
12 out that the public interest should be central
13 in considering this merger.

14 And I just want to ask what
15 public interest is served by letting these
16 two companies merge? How is this going to --
17 to help people here?

18 How is -- is the greater
19 risk of these trains going through our town
20 going to serve the public interest? I just
21 urge you to please put our interests, not
22 Canadian Pacific's shareholders, not Kansas
23 City Southern's shareholders, not anybody
24 else, but the people of Minnesota's interest

1 at the heart of your consideration.

2 Thank you so much for -- for
3 letting me speak again.

4 MR. BELNIAK: I certainly
5 appreciate those -- those additional comments.
6 Thank you.

7 Okay. All right. Scanning
8 the crowd once more, I don't see any additional
9 hands raised.

10 We invite you to raise your
11 hand, either *9 on telephone or raise hand
12 in the bottom tray of Zoom controls to share
13 with us your comments. There is additional
14 information on the screen on how to stay
15 informed.

16 There are three different
17 websites you can choose to follow-up with and
18 get more information. I, in fact, invite you
19 to visit all three, join the email list or
20 even call your comments in (888) 319-2337.
21 Again, that's (888) 319-2337.

22 Also, for those on the
23 telephone who may not see the screen, the
24 private website we were mentioning a moment

1 ago is www.STB -- as in Surface Transportation
2 Board -- stb.gov, G-O-V.

3 Okay. I have a hand raised.
4 Mike Best, I am going to send a command for
5 you to unmute your mic and when you do,
6 you've got three minutes to share your
7 comments with us, please.

8 MR. BEST: Hey, it's Mike again.
9 Hey, I just wanted to draw attention to the
10 fact that, you know, when I was finished
11 with my comments previously, I went on
12 Twitter and I'm looking on Twitter.

13 And if you search @Canadian
14 Pacific, there's -- there's a lot of people
15 who are talking about this issue and all of
16 it is bad.

17 And I think that's a -- a
18 forum that needs to be looked at and also
19 a point that needs to be raised.

20 The previous caller said,
21 you know, cui bono, who benefits from this
22 aside from the companies? And specifically,
23 aside from the seaside of those companies,
24 that -- that's, you know, an issue that's

1 kind of prevalent in American society, but
2 that's neither here nor there.

3 What is, you know, of --
4 most -- you know, the pri- -- the most
5 primary point I think I can make is that
6 there's a grounds fall movement here
7 who is -- is trying to make our voices
8 heard, not only in Minnesota, but in
9 other states where, you know, these
10 trains are -- are going to transit through.
11 They're going all the way down to Texas.

12 You know, there - there's
13 nothing that says that Canadian Pacific
14 is safe enough to do that sort of work.
15 Thanks.

16 MR. BELNIAK: Thank you, Mike.

17 Okay. Scanning the list,
18 I do not see any new hands raised. However,
19 we would love to hear comments from you,
20 *9 or raised hand if given the opportunity
21 to speak. Please do so slowly so our
22 interpreters can match your pace and you'll
23 be given three minutes to share comments
24 about the project.

1 Lots of other opportunities
2 to stay engaged, as displayed on the screen
3 here, visiting any one of the three websites,
4 joining the email distribution list or even
5 calling into EIS information line.

6 Just a reminder for folks
7 there are going to be five additional
8 public scoping meetings like this one. You
9 can find that information on the website of
10 which I'll read off. I'll also paste some
11 of that information into the chat. And you
12 can find that website.

13 Again, it's on the screen
14 here as well, CP-KCSMergerEIS.com. Again,
15 that's CP-KCSMergerEIS.com. And you'll see
16 the schedule for the additional meetings
17 there.

18 I'm going to also paste
19 those into the chat here in case you would
20 like to make note of those to attend those
21 on your own.

22 Just as a re- -- as a
23 heads up, the -- the -- those additional
24 meetings will be run very much like these

1 where there'll be a series of opening
2 remarks. We'll show the same 23-, 24-minute
3 video. We'll then shift to public comment.

4 So it's not as if by
5 attending another meeting -- the second
6 meeting, you're going to miss what's being
7 said in the fourth meeting and vice versa.
8 It's -- it's the same. We're just offering
9 it multiple times and multiple days to give
10 as many people access to this information
11 as possible -- excuse me -- as possible.

12 So I have just pasted
13 those into the chat. But once again, you
14 can visit CP-KCSMergerEIS.com for a full
15 list -- schedule of these meetings as well
16 as plenty of other information about the
17 project.

18 Once again, out of
19 abundance of caution, I don't think anyone
20 new has joined. I'm looking at the list.
21 But just to be sure, raised hand in the
22 bottom tray of Zoom controls lets us know
23 you'd like to share a comment, *9 on
24 telephone does the same thing. If you'd

1 love to do that, we'd love to hear from
2 you. You'll be given three minutes to
3 share your thoughts and feelings on the --
4 on the proposed project.

5 You can also use the
6 information on the screen to read more
7 or to follow along through email or to
8 share a comment through the telephone
9 comment line -- information line.

10 Excuse me.

11 Once again, we would
12 love to hear any comments you have on
13 the proposed project. You can use the
14 raised hand function or *9 on your
15 telephone.

16 Just recently, we pasted
17 into the chat the dates and times of the
18 additional five remaining meetings. They
19 are all accessible through the virtual
20 meeting room that you likely use to get to
21 this.

22 We're also going to be
23 posting recordings of this meeting into
24 that virtual meeting room and likely

1 others as well.

2 As I mentioned earlier,
3 these meetings are following a very similar
4 format. So unless there's something
5 appreciably different between one to the
6 other, we'll probably pick at least this
7 one because it's the first one so people
8 can watch it on demand and you will be
9 able to access that meeting recording
10 plus other meeting materials there plus
11 the gateway or the doorway to attend the
12 future meetings.

13 We also invite you to
14 visit the project websites displayed on
15 the screen or contact us through email
16 and that's contact@CP-KCSMergerEIS.com.
17 Again, that is contact@CP-KCSMergerEIS.com.
18 And if you do have a question, the EIS
19 information line is (888) 319-2337.

20 We've got about 33 minutes
21 left in the duration of this evening's
22 meeting. I would like to capture some
23 comments and feedback from you all. Raise
24 hand in the bottom of your screen or *9 on

1 your telephone, it would be great to hear
2 from you.

3 All right. It looks
4 like we have a hand raised. Give me one
5 moment. So, Mike Best, I'm going to send
6 a command to you to take yourself off mute
7 and when you do, you've got a fresh three
8 minutes just like you did before.

9 All right. Mike, we'll
10 try this once more. Now, you should now
11 have the ability to take yourself off mute.

12 Okay. Mike, I'm not sure
13 if you toggle -- oh, there you go. Opp,
14 now you're gone.

15 Okay. Perhaps Mike pressed
16 the hand raised hand button by mistake, but
17 Mike is now no longer in the meeting. For
18 everyone else, if Mike joins us again,
19 we'll give him the opportunity to speak
20 once more.

21 This is a good opportunity
22 for me to remind everyone we'd love to hear
23 your comments. So please use the raised
24 hand function. We have one more telephone

1 caller, *9 on the telephone if you'd like to
2 raise your hand.

3 There are five other
4 opportunities for meetings just like this
5 very one. I have posted it in the chat.
6 I will post it once more before the meeting
7 concludes.

8 You are also able to see
9 the schedule of those meetings on the
10 project website and in our virtu- -- our
11 online meeting room.

12 You can email us
13 contact@CP-KCSMergerEIS.com. You can ask
14 a question via telephone by dialing
15 (888) 319-2337 and you can visit the
16 project website at stb.gov, that's Surface
17 Transportation Board, stb.gov or
18 CP-KCSMergerEIS.com.

19 We're with you this evening
20 for about 20 more minutes. So once again,
21 please let us know if you have any comments.

22 Just looking at time,
23 everyone. We've got about ten minutes left
24 in our allotted time for this evening. So

1 if you'd like to share a comment in the
2 remaining time we have, we invite you to
3 do so, raise hand or *9.

4 If tonight is not -- not
5 in the cards for you, you've got five
6 other meetings just like this one that I'll
7 paste in the chat and you can also see
8 those meeting dates and times on the meeting
9 websites, which you can get from what's
10 displayed on the screen here and I'll paste
11 that info into the chat as well just before
12 we wrap up for the evening.

13 I know it's been quiet for
14 the second half of the meeting, but we've
15 got about five minutes left. So if anyone
16 is wishing to make a comment, we have time
17 for about two more people.

18 So if you would like to
19 do so, please raise your hand. Otherwise,
20 at the top of the hour, we'll closeout
21 with some information pasted into the chat
22 and hope to see you at a future event.

23 Okay. Everyone, we have
24 reached the top of the hour. And so with

1 that, I'm going to enter some information
2 into the chat. If you've been with us the
3 whole evening, you've seen this before,
4 but this is the information that's on the
5 slide right now, how to stay engaged for
6 follow-on information about the project
7 as well.

8 That includes there the
9 connection details to the three web sites,
10 the email address to contact us by, also
11 the EIS information telephone line,
12 (888) 319-2337.

13 As I mentioned earlier,
14 there are a total of six meetings, five
15 after this one concludes in just a moment.
16 I've also pasted those dates and times
17 into the chat as well. Note all times are
18 central time.

19 And so with that, we
20 thank you for spending your evening with us
21 tonight. Please visit those websites for
22 more information. And with that, have a
23 good evening.

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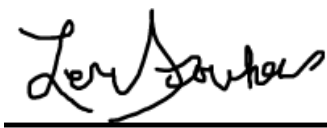
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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, LORI ANN ASAUSKAS, a Shorthand Reporter,
and Notary Public, do hereby certify that I
reported the remote proceedings before the
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a true and accurate transcription of my
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I further certify that I am not employed by or
related to any party to this action by blood or
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