

1 IN RE: PROPOSED ACQUISITION
2 OF THE KANSAS CITY SOUTHERN by CANADIAN PACIFIC

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1 MR. BELNIAK: Good evening. My name is
2 Alan Belniak with VHB. I'm helping to assist and
3 facilitate this evening's meeting.

4 Welcome to the public scoping meeting for
5 the proposed acquisition of Kansas City Southern by
6 Canadian Pacific. The docket number for this
7 proposed merger is FD 36500.

8 I just provided an introduction to
9 tonight's meeting. Next I'll walk through some
10 meeting logistics and administrative items on how
11 the meeting will be conducted.

12 After that I will turn it over to a
13 representative of the Surface and Transportation
14 Board for some opening remarks. Following that
15 we'll share a video about a project presentation to
16 provide more details. And following that and for
17 the remainder of the evening tonight we are going to
18 open it up to public comment from you all, and
19 that's really what we're here for today.

20 So first, audio of this meeting is being
21 simultaneously interpreted in Spanish, and you can
22 access that through the "Interpretation" button
23 inside of the Zoom console in the bottom tray of
24 Zoom controls. Just bring your mouse down to the

1 bottom of the screen and look for the
2 "Interpretation" button.

3 We're also featuring closed caption during
4 the presentation. To access that, toggle the "Live
5 Transcript" button, and you'll have an option to
6 display closed captions either at the bottom of the
7 screen or the right side.

8 After the presentation, we're going to
9 shift to that comment session. First we'll call on
10 people who have previously registered -- previously
11 preregistered, excuse me, to comment first. After
12 that if you'd like to comment, you can do so in one
13 of a few ways. First, you can use the Q and A box.
14 Just type in your name to let us know that you would
15 like to speak, and we'll add you to the speaker's
16 queue. You can also use the "Raise Hand" feature to
17 let us know that you would like to speak, and I'll
18 call upon you in the order that I see those hands
19 raised and add you to the queue.

20 You'll be prompted to unmute your
21 microphone or telephone, and you'll be given the
22 three minutes to speak. Please bear in mind that
23 this is comment session, not question and answer,
24 and that's because we want to provide as much

1 opportunity to the public to offer that comment.

2 Please note that because we are translating
3 live into a secondary language, to speak slowly and
4 clearly to give both our interpreters a moment to
5 catch up with you, as well as our court stenographer
6 as well. And as a reminder, this meeting is being
7 recorded for archival purposes.

8 So, with that, I would like to turn it over
9 to Josh Wayland, a representative of the Surface
10 Transportation Board, for some opening remarks.

11 Josh?

12 MR. WAYLAND: Josh. Can thank you, Alan.

13 Hello, everyone, and thank you again for
14 joining this evening for this public scoping meeting
15 for the proposed acquisition of Kansas City Southern
16 by Canadian Pacific.

17 As Alan said, my name is Josh Wayland, and
18 I'm an environmental protection specialist with the
19 Surface Transportation Board's Office of
20 Environmental Analysis. I'm also the project
21 manager for the Environmental Impact Statement that
22 we are preparing for the proposed merger of these
23 two railroad companies, Canadian Pacific and Kansas
24 City Southern.

1 We would have much rather be you in person
2 to conduct these public scoping meetings, but
3 unfortunately are unable to do so because of the
4 ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, but we're very glad to
5 have the opportunity to be able to meet with you all
6 through this online format, and we are looking
7 forward to hearing your comments a little later in
8 the meeting.

9 I see that we have around 28 people are on
10 the line tonight, including our panelists. I want
11 to recognize Vickie Rutsun, also of the Office of
12 Environmental Analysis. Thank you for coming,
13 Vicki.

14 Thank also to the staff from VHB, our
15 third-party contractor. They are assisting us with
16 the preparation of the Environmental Impact
17 Statement. I want to also welcome any
18 representatives of other agencies and any elected
19 officials who might have joined us tonight, and
20 thank you for attending.

21 Alan of VHB just reviewed the process for
22 commenting, and we'll go over it again in a little
23 bit, but I just briefly wanted to remind everyone,
24 the main purpose of today's meeting is to hear

1 public comments, and we want to reserve as much time
2 as possible for everyone who wants to speak to have
3 the opportunity to do so.

4 We will not be holding a question and
5 answer session today or at the other meetings in
6 order to make sure that we reserve enough time for
7 public comments. If you do have questions, though,
8 about the proposed acquisition or the Surface
9 Transportation Board's environmental review process,
10 I recommend that you visit the board-sponsored
11 project website, and that's at
12 www.CP-KCSmergerEIS.com. We'll put that web address
13 on the screen in a little while.

14 Through that website you can find all of
15 the project-related information that is available to
16 date including descriptions of the proposed
17 acquisition, the notice of intent that we issued to
18 begin the EIS or the Environmental Impact Statement,
19 process, and an interactive map that shows how rail
20 traffic could change along the combined network if
21 the proposed merger is approved.

22 Before we move into the comment portion of
23 the meeting tonight, we would like to play a
24 presentation for you that will provide an overview

1 of the proposed acquisition and the board's
2 environmental review process. This presentation
3 will be available on the board-sponsored project
4 website that I mentioned earlier in case you would
5 like to watch it again later.

6 So, with that I would just like to welcome
7 everyone again to the meeting. Thank you for your
8 participation in this process, and then I'll ask
9 Alan to please go ahead and start the presentation.

10 MR. BELNIAK: Thanks, Josh.

11 First I'm going to paste some information
12 into the chat including that web address that Josh
13 mentioned just a moment ago. I'm now going to start
14 the video up, so give me one moment while I switch
15 sources.

16 (Slide presentation started and
17 was transcribed as follows:)

18 Hello, and welcome to this public scoping
19 meeting for the proposed acquisition of Kansas City
20 Southern by Canadian Pacific. The docket number for
21 this proposed merger is FD 36500. This meeting is
22 being hosted by the Surface Transportation Board's
23 Office of Environmental Analysis, which is the lead
24 federal agency for the environmental review of the

1 proposed acquisition.

2 My name is Josh Wayland, and I am an
3 environmental protection specialist in the Office of
4 Environmental Analysis. In this presentation I will
5 provide a brief overview of the environmental review
6 process for the proposed merger of these two
7 railroad companies, Canadian Pacific and Kansas City
8 Southern.

9 Here are the topics I will be covering in
10 this presentation. First, I will briefly introduce
11 the Surface Transportation Board, the railroad
12 applicants, that's Canadian Pacific and Kansas City
13 Southern, and the applicant's proposed acquisition
14 of Kansas City Southern by Canadian Pacific.

15 Second, I will provide an overview of the
16 environmental review process.

17 Third, I will present some of the details
18 of the proposed acquisition.

19 Then I will cover the preliminary list of
20 impact topics that will be covered in the
21 Environmental Impact Statement, and finally I will
22 go over the options for commenting during the
23 scoping process and for staying engaged during the
24 rest of the environmental review process.

1 Let's begin with an overview of the federal
2 agency. As I mentioned, I work for the Surface
3 Transportation Board. The Surface Transportation
4 Board, also referred to as just the board or as STB,
5 is a federal bipartisan independent adjudicatory
6 board with broad economic regulatory oversight of
7 railroads including railroad rates and service as
8 well as abandonment, construction, and operation of
9 railroad lines.

10 The board is also the federal agency that
11 is responsible for reviewing and authorizing
12 proposed railroad mergers such as the proposed
13 acquisition of Kansas City Southern by Canadian
14 Pacific.

15 When considering whether or not to
16 authorize a proposed acquisition, the board
17 considers both the transportation merits of the
18 proposal and the potential environmental impacts of
19 the proposal.

20 The board's Office of Environmental
21 Analysis, or OEA, is the office at the board that is
22 responsible for conducting the environmental review.
23 And OEA does this under the National Environmental
24 Policy Act or NEPA and related environmental laws.

1 For the proposed acquisition of Kansas City
2 Southern by Canadian Pacific, OEA is preparing an
3 Environmental Impact Statement, or EIS, because the
4 transaction has the potential to result in
5 significant environmental impacts.

6 The proposed merger of Canadian Pacific and
7 Kansas City Southern is not a project that is being
8 proposed or sponsored by the federal government.

9 The applicants in this case are two Class 1
10 railroads that own and operate rail lines in the
11 United States: Canadian Pacific and Kansas City
12 Southern.

13 From here on out I will be referring to
14 Canadian Pacific as CP and Kansas City Southern as
15 KCS. The acronym CP refers to Canadian Pacific
16 Railway Limited, Canadian Pacific Railway Company,
17 and their US rail carrier subsidiaries, Soo Line
18 Railroad Company, Central Maine and Quebec Railway,
19 US Incorporated, Dakota, Minnesota, and Eastern
20 Railroad Corporation, and Delaware and Hudson
21 Railway Company Incorporated.

22 The term KCS refers to Kansas City Southern
23 and its US rail carrier subsidiaries, the Kansas
24 City Southern Railway Company, Gateway Eastern

1 Railway Company, and the Texas Mexican Railway
2 Company.

3 On October 29, 2021, CP and KCS jointly
4 filed an application seeking authority from the
5 board for CP to acquire KCS. If the Board
6 authorizes the proposed acquisition, the two
7 companies and their two railroad networks would
8 combine, and they would form one system known as
9 Canadian Pacific Kansas City.

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

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

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

1 decision.

2 A proposed acquisition would result in a
3 number of changes, including changes in rail traffic
4 on portions of the combined rail network. Rail
5 traffic would increase on some rail line segments,
6 and it would decrease on others. Levels of activity
7 at certain rail yards and certain Intermodal
8 facilities could change as a result of the proposed
9 acquisition as well. And the applicants plan to
10 make a number of capital improvements in the rail
11 right-of-way to support the increased rail traffic
12 on some rail lines.

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

18 According to the applicants, the purpose of
19 the proposed acquisition is to combine America's two
20 smallest but fastest growing Class 1 railroads, CP
21 and KCS, to build a more efficient and more
22 competitive rail network.

23 The applicants state that the proposed
24 acquisition would further the need for expanded and

1 more capable and efficient transportation
2 infrastructure while simultaneously advancing the
3 interests of current and future customers in more
4 reliable and economical rail transportation options
5 serving important north-south trade flows.

6 The applicants also state that the proposed
7 acquisition would generate environmental benefits by
8 reducing truck transportation on highways in North
9 America by more than 60,000 trucks annually. This
10 could result in less congestion, less maintenance,
11 and improved safety on those roads as well as less
12 noise pollution in the places where those trucks
13 would have driven, and lowered air emissions,
14 including lowered greenhouse gas emissions.

15 Now I will turn to the environmental review
16 process. As I've mentioned, before the board can
17 authorize the proposed acquisition, it must first
18 consider the impacts of the merger on the
19 environment. This is a requirement of the National
20 Environmental Policy Act, or NEPA.

21 NEPA is intended to assist the board as the
22 federal agency and the public in identifying and
23 assessing potential environmental consequences of a
24 proposed action such as this proposed acquisition of

1 KCS by CP.

2 OEA is preparing an Environmental Impact
3 Statement, or EIS, that will assess the potential
4 environmental impacts of the proposed acquisition.
5 And the EIS will also address related environmental
6 laws as appropriate, such as Section 106 of the
7 National Historic Preservation Act and Section 7 of
8 the Endangered Species Act.

9 This slide shows the generalized
10 Environmental Impact Statement or EIS process. OEA
11 initiated the process by issuing a notice of intent
12 to prepare an EIS on November 12, 2021. The
13 issuance of that notice of intent began the scoping
14 process which will continue until December 17, 2021.

15 During scoping we are requesting public
16 comments on the scope of the EIS including the
17 issues to be analyzed in the EIS.

18 At the end of the scoping process, OEA will
19 issue a final scope of study and will then prepare a
20 draft EIS. After the draft EIS is issued, there
21 will be a public comment period and additional
22 public meetings.

23 OEA will then prepare a final EIS that will
24 address the public and agency comments on the draft.

1 The board will then issue its final decision on the
2 proposed acquisition after considering the entire
3 record including the draft EIS, the final EIS, and
4 public and agency comments.

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

13 As part of this process, OEA is requesting
14 your comments on the scope of the EIS, including the
15 issues to be analyzed. OEA is also conducting
16 agency consultation during this time and requesting
17 comments from interested agencies about impacts from
18 the proposed acquisition on resources under their
19 jurisdiction.

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

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

7 After the end of scoping, OEA will prepare
8 a draft EIS for the proposed acquisition. A draft
9 EIS will identify and analyze alternatives including
10 the no action alternative. A draft EIS will address
11 issues and concerns identified during scoping, and
12 it will focus on several types of potential
13 environmental impacts.

14 It will address impacts from increases in
15 rail traffic on rail lines where those increases
16 would exceed the board's thresholds for
17 environmental review. These could include air
18 quality impacts, noise impacts, and impacts on
19 traffic safety and delay at road crossings.

20 The draft EIS will also assess potential
21 impacts at rail yards where the board's thresholds
22 for environmental review would be met. And finally,
23 the draft EIS will assess potential impacts from
24 planned capital improvements within the rail

1 right-of-way including adding new passing sidings,
2 extending existing sidings, adding double track, and
3 adding facility working track.

4 OEA at this time anticipates issuing the
5 draft EIS in the spring of 2022, and the draft EIS
6 will then be made available for public and agency
7 review and comment for 45 days.

8 The draft EIS will assess potential
9 environmental impacts in locations where the board's
10 thresholds for environmental review would be met.
11 Those thresholds are contained in the board's
12 environmental regulations at 49 CFR 1107(e).

13 For rail lines, the threshold for
14 environmental review is an increase in rail traffic
15 of at least 100 percent measured in gross ton miles
16 annually or an increase of at least eight trains per
17 day.

18 For rail lines in areas that are in
19 non-attainment under the Clean Air Act there is an
20 additional threshold for the analysis of air quality
21 impacts, which is an increase in rail traffic of at
22 least 50 percent measured in gross ton miles
23 annually, or an increase of at least three trains
24 per day.

1 For rail yards, the threshold for
2 environmental review is an increase in rail yard
3 activity of at least 100 percent measured in car
4 load activity. And for rail cars in non-attainment
5 areas, the threshold for air quality analysis is an
6 increase in rail yard activity of at least 20
7 percent, also measured by car load activity.

8 For affected roadways the threshold for
9 environmental review is an increase in truck traffic
10 of more than 10 percent of the average daily traffic
11 or 50 vehicles per day.

12 After issuing the draft EIS and receiving
13 public and agency comments on the draft EIS during
14 the public comment period, OEA will prepare and
15 issue a final EIS that will address those comments.
16 The final EIS will also set forth OEA's final
17 recommendations to the board regarding the
18 environmental impacts of the proposed acquisition
19 including OEA's final recommended mitigation
20 measures.

21 This slide shows the anticipated schedule
22 for the EIS. As I mentioned earlier, OEA issued the
23 notice of intent to prepare an EIS on November 12,
24 2021. The public comment period for scoping will

1 last until December 17, 2001 (sic), and OEA is
2 holding six public meetings during scoping. At this
3 time OEA anticipates issuing a final scope of study
4 for the EIS in winter of 2022 and the draft EIS in
5 the spring of 2022.

6 We will hold a public comment period and
7 additional public meetings following the issuance of
8 the draft EIS in the spring. We anticipate issuing
9 the final EIS in the fall of 2022, and the Board
10 will make its final decision on the proposed
11 acquisition after the issuance of the final EIS.

12 I will now discuss some of the details of
13 the proposed acquisition. The map on this slide
14 shows the current CP and KCS rail networks. On this
15 map, the current CP network is shown in red. In the
16 US, CP connects to Buffalo and Albany, New York, and
17 Searsport, Maine. It also runs south into the
18 Midwest of the United States and connects with KCS
19 in Kansas City, Missouri.

20 The KCS network is shown here in orange.
21 It extends from Kansas City, Missouri, to the gulf
22 coast and into Mexico, operating across ten states
23 in the Midwest and Southeast. The two companies'
24 networks connect in Kansas City, Missouri.

1 The map on this slide shows the projected
2 increase in freight train traffic along the new
3 combined network with darker lines representing
4 larger increases in train traffic. The darkest
5 color represents the rail lines where the increase
6 would exceed the board's threshold for environmental
7 review of eight trains per day.

8 Rail lines that would exceed the board's
9 threshold clued the CP line extending westward from
10 Chicago, Illinois, to Sabula, Iowa; the CB line
11 extending southward from Sabula to Kansas City;
12 Missouri, and the KCS line extending southward from
13 Kansas City toward the Mexican border at Laredo,
14 Texas.

15 The largest increase in rail traffic would
16 occur on the CP rail line between Sabula, Iowa, and
17 Kansas City, Missouri. On that rail line the
18 projected increase in traffic could be approximately
19 14.4 additional trains per day on average.

20 The draft EIS will assess the potential
21 environmental impacts from this increased rail
22 traffic on those rail lines where thresholds for
23 environmental review would be met.

24 For more information about the potential

1 train traffic increases, please visit the
2 board-sponsored project website at
3 www.CP-KCSmergerEIS.com. There you can view an
4 interactive map showing the projected traffic
5 changes for every individual rail line segment in
6 the combined system.

7 The map on this slide shows the locations
8 of planned capital improvement projects along the
9 rail right-of-way. The applicants have identified
10 26 locations where capital improvements would be
11 made. Those projects would include adding 11 new
12 passing sidings, extending 13 existing passing
13 sidings, adding approximately four miles of double
14 track, and adding approximately five miles of
15 facility working track, all within the rail
16 right-of-way.

17 For more information regarding the planned
18 capital improvements, please visit the
19 board-sponsored project website; again, it's
20 www.CP-KCSmergerEIS.com, where you can view an
21 interactive map showing the locations of each
22 capital improvement project.

23 This slide lists the types of impacts that
24 OEA will assess in the draft EIS. The draft EIS

1 will analyze impacts related to freight rail
2 capacity and safety, passenger rail capacity and
3 safety, grade crossing safety and traffic delay,
4 traffic and roadway systems, air quality, noise,
5 biological resources, water resources, hazardous
6 waste sites, cultural resources, environmental
7 justice, and cumulative impacts.

8 At this time I would like to discuss how
9 you can submit your comments. As I mentioned
10 earlier, there will be an opportunity following this
11 presentation for interested individuals to deliver
12 comments orally.

13 If you prefer to submit written comments,
14 there are several ways in which you can do so. You
15 can submit written comments electronically through
16 the board-sponsored project website. Again, that's
17 www.CP-KCSmergerEIS.com, or through the board's
18 website at www.STB.gov.

19 We do encourage you to submit written
20 comments electronically through one of those
21 websites. However, if you would like to submit
22 written comments by mail, you can send them to the
23 address shown on this slide.

24 Please address mail comment to me, Joshua

1 Wayland, Surface Transportation Board, care of VHB,
2 940 Main Campus Drive, Suite 500, Raleigh, North
3 Carolina, Zip Code 27606, Attention: Environmental
4 filing Docket Number FD 36500. Please do be sure to
5 refer to Docket Number FD 36500 in any written
6 comments that you submit.

7 Please also note that any comments you
8 submit will be made public on the board's website,
9 and also note that the scoping comments for this
10 project must be sent no later than December 17th,
11 2021.

12 The board-sponsored project website at
13 www.CP-KCSmergerEIS.com includes project information
14 including project-related documents and an
15 interactive map. This slide shows the public
16 involvement page on the project website. From this
17 page you can submit your written scoping comments
18 directly into the comment box that's shown at the
19 right.

20 If you would like to upload an attachment
21 with your comments such as a letter, you can do so
22 through the board's website at www.STB.gov. This
23 slide shows the board's environmental comment form.
24 On this form there is an option to upload files such

1 as Microsoft Word documents or PDF files as part of
2 your scoping comments.

3 This slide shows how you can stay informed
4 and engaged throughout the remainder of the EIS
5 process. For updates about the environmental review
6 process, you can visit the board-sponsored project
7 website. One more time that's
8 www.CP-KCSmergerEIS.com.

9 To view board decisions, filings, or
10 environmental comments related to the proposed
11 acquisition, please visit the board's website at
12 www.STB.gov. To receive updates by email, sign up
13 for the project email list through the project
14 website.

15 There are also resources available in the
16 online meeting room that you used to enter this
17 online meeting. That meeting room will stay open
18 for the remainder of the scoping process so you can
19 come back to review the materials as often as you
20 like.

21 If you have questions about the
22 environmental review process, you can also email the
23 project email address at
24 contact@CP-KCSmergerEIS.com, or you can call the

1 information line at 888-319-2337. That's toll free,
2 888-319-2337.

3 This brings us to the end of the
4 presentation portion of today's public meeting. I
5 will now turn the meeting back over to the
6 facilitators to begin the public comment portion of
7 the meeting.

8 Thank you for your interest in the
9 environmental review process for this proposed
10 acquisition. We look forward to hearing your
11 comments.

12 (Slide presentation concluded.)

13 MR. BELNIAK: Thank you for that. Let me
14 transition back to a different content share.

15 Okay. We've just finished seeing the video
16 presentation, and as was previously mentioned, now
17 we're shifting into the comment session.

18 I would like to remind everyone and say for
19 the first time for those of you who may have joined
20 a minute late, how this process will work. First,
21 we are broadcasting this meeting in Spanish as well
22 through live interpretation. To access that, please
23 toggle the "Interpretation" button in the bottom
24 tray of Zoom controls on your screen. We are also

1 featuring live transcription of this meeting via
2 closed captioning, and you can toggle that on and
3 off by pressing "Live Transcript" button in the
4 bottom tray of Zoom controls on your screen. To see
5 those controls, just move your mouse down the bottom
6 of the screen and they should appear. They should
7 also appear on mobile as well.

8 During the comments session which we're
9 about to start, we're going to first call on people
10 who have preregistered. I do see some names in our
11 participant list, and we'll work on those. I also
12 understand some people may be calling in via
13 telephone. Of course I can't see those names, so I
14 will call out some names, and if you're here please
15 just raise your hand.

16 You can also use the "Raise Hand" to speak
17 as well after we get through our set of initial
18 speakers. You can also use the Q and A button just
19 to enter your name, to register to speak, either
20 one.

21 Each speaker will be given three minutes to
22 comment, and we will display that timer on the
23 screen. For those of you on the telephone, you
24 don't have the benefit of seeing that, but just

1 please be mindful of keeping your time to the
2 allotted three minutes, and just like any public
3 meeting, please exercise civility in public
4 discourse.

5 One more time, this meeting is being
6 recorded, and again, as reminder, since this meeting
7 is being translated, I ask you to speak slowly and
8 clearly so the interpreters can adequately translate
9 your audio.

10 I will keep this screen on for the duration
11 of the comment period so you all can understand and
12 give you a chance to copy down the multiple ways to
13 stay informed on the project.

14 So with that, I'm going to shift over to my
15 list of people who are registered to speak at this
16 evening's meeting.

17 So I do see one hand raised, and I would
18 ask for you all at the moment, if you would like to
19 speak, if you could hold off on raising your hand
20 and let me process the list of people who are
21 registered to speak just so I can see that they are
22 here, and after that I invite you to raise your
23 hand.

24 So, first I'm looking for Cheri McElroy is

1 here, please raise your hand. Christopher Peterson,
2 David Bailey, Jake A. Christina Wykoff, I do see
3 you here. Thank you. Also Jesse McKnight, Jim
4 Hall, Linda O'Neil, Linda Ozan, Matthew Pearce.
5 Mike Best, Sam Krieger, Tim Dolan. Thank you, Tim.
6 I can see Tim out there. Tom Riggs. And William or
7 Bill Evans. I do see your hand up. Great. I thank
8 you for that.

9 I appreciate you bearing with me. We want
10 to make sure we get the people who have taken the
11 time to register to speak, give them that
12 opportunity, that priority to identify themselves.

13 Okay. So let me finish getting my
14 bearings. Okay. So the first -- okay. I just want
15 to confirm the first name I saw was Christina
16 Wykoff. I do see you as an attendee. If you would
17 like to speak please raise your hand. If not, if
18 you're here to listen that's fine. Thank you. As
19 well as Linda Ozan and Matthew Pearce. Otherwise I
20 will go to the hands raised.

21 Okay. First we'll call on the phone number
22 ending in 891. So phone number ending in 891, I'm
23 going to send the command to you to unmute your
24 telephone. That's * 6. And when do you, you'll

1 have three minutes.

2 Welcome.

3 MS. NANCY (No surname mentioned): Hello.

4 Thank you. Good evening, everyone. My name is

5 Nancy, and I am a born and raised Midwesterner.

6 Thank you for the opportunity to speak this evening,

7 to share my serious concerns about this project.

8 This merger and the transportation of large

9 amounts of oil by train is not only dangerous, but

10 it also has far-reaching environmental impacts. As

11 a mother concerned about safety and the environment,

12 there has to be a better way, a much safer way. The

13 effects on the environment from the additional

14 infrastructure needed for this project as well as

15 the environmental impact from increased train

16 traffic and potential accidents has long-term

17 implications for people, animals, and the planet.

18 I'm personally opposed to this merger and

19 plan, and truly hope that the environment gets a win

20 over big business and corporate profits.

21 Thank you again for the time to speak this

22 evening and share my extreme concern.

23 MR. BELNIAK: Thank you for your comments.

24 Bear with me for one moment while I -- all right.

1 And a reminder -- I'm sorry. Not a reminder. I was
2 remiss in saying earlier, if you were on the
3 telephone and would like to raise your hand to
4 speak, you can do so by pressing * 9. That's the
5 same as if you're in the Zoom meeting and pressing
6 the "Raise Hand" button. So again, the * 9 on the
7 telephone will raise your hand and add you to the
8 queue to speak, so I certainly appreciate that.

9 All right. Next I see is Bill Evans. So
10 Bill, I'm going to send a command for you to unmute
11 your mike, and when you do, you've got three minutes
12 to share your comments with us.

13 Welcome, Bill.

14 So, Bill on my end I do see you as unmuted
15 your mike, but we can't hear you at the moment. So
16 if you want to --

17 MR. EVANS: Oh. Sorry about that. Yeah.
18 There is like a button on my mike.

19 MR. BELNIAK: Okay.

20 MR. EVANS: So, yeah. I just want to
21 states my opposition to this merger, just because
22 I'm a bit worried about like train accidents with
23 oil and, I mean generally just from everything I've
24 researched about it, I just don't think trains are a

1 particularly safe way to move oil compared to other
2 methods. I mean if we've got to have oil, then,
3 well, it kind of makes more sense to use a pipe.
4 But that just me. I'm a bit worried about the
5 safety issues and Canadian Pacific's track record in
6 Canada for safety as well.

7 Thank you for your time, and have a good
8 night, everyone.

9 MR. BELNIAK: Thank you for your comments,
10 Bill.

11 All right. Give me one moment here. Okay.
12 Next I see a phone number ending in 656. So 656,
13 I'm going to send a command to you to open your
14 line, and when you do you'll have three minutes to
15 share your comments with us. Again that's * 6.
16 There you go.

17 MR. MCKNIGHT: Good evening.

18 MR. BELNIAK: Good evening.

19 MR. MCKNIGHT: My name is Jesse, and I
20 would like to say their safety record is awful. And
21 that actually it's actually killing people including
22 their own employees. What about Dylan Paradis,
23 Andrew Dockrell, and Dan Waldenberger? Don't they
24 matter? Thanks for allowing me to speak.

1 MR. BELNIAK: Thank you, Jesse.

2 All right. Looking at the list here, I
3 don't see any hands raised at the moment. If you
4 did have your hand raised and inadvertently lowered
5 it feel, free to raise it again.

6 Just a few reminders. * 9 on your
7 telephone raises your hand. Star -- "Raise Hand" in
8 the bottom tray of Zoom controls does the same
9 thing. If you would like to use the Q and A to
10 say -- to let me know you would like to speak,
11 that's fine. We don't have an audience tonight that
12 would be overwhelming, so just raising your hand is
13 fine.

14 While you consider raising your hand to
15 speak, I just want to point out that on the slide on
16 the screen right now are several ways to stay
17 informed, including the project website. And I'm
18 going to read these out for those on the telephone.
19 That's www.CP-KCSmergerEIS.com. That's the same URL
20 that Josh mentioned in the video.

21 You can also go to the board website, and
22 that's www.STB, surface transportation board, .gov.
23 You can also visit the online meeting room that were
24 you in just prior to coming into this meeting today.

1 And in fact, once you exit this meeting, up on your
2 browser tab in your web browser should bring you
3 right to the same URL you were brought to, to get
4 into that virtual meeting room. And we invite you
5 to spend some time in there to view some of the
6 presentation materials and everything else to get
7 more educated on the proposed project. On the
8 project of the proposed merger. Excuse me.

9 You can also contact us by email, and that
10 address is contact@CP-KCSmergerEIS.com. And you can
11 use the telephone for our EIS information line, and
12 that's 888-319-2337. Once again, that's a toll free
13 number. That's 888-319-2337.

14 So with that, I'm scanning the list once
15 more for hands raised. If you would like to speak,
16 please do toggle that "Raise Hand" button on the
17 bottom tray of Zoom controls or press * 9. I don't
18 see any hands raised at the moment, so now is a
19 great opportunity to he step up and share with us
20 your comments on the project.

21 There we go. All right. Tim. Tim, I'm
22 going to send a command to you to open up your mike,
23 and when you do, you'll have three minutes to share
24 your comments with us.

1 MR. DOLAN: Yeah. Tim Dolan here. I'm
2 from Minnesota, and I'm also opposed to Canadian
3 Pacific's merger with Kansas City Southern. As many
4 people said before, the track record is just not
5 good. The safety record is abominable, and the
6 employee culture inside Canadian Pacific is abusive.
7 This is something that's documented online. And
8 frankly, I mean how can we trust a company that
9 literally destroyed a town in Canada with an
10 accident? The town of -- think it was Lac-Megantic.
11 And that town was completely destroyed. 50 percent
12 of it was destroyed in a blast from an accident that
13 Canadian Pacific is responsible for, and the other
14 50 percent had to be bull-dozed because it was no
15 longer t livable. The blast radius of that was a
16 kilometer, and I can tell you as former service
17 member, that is a large blast radius. If something
18 like that were to happen in my home town or in any
19 town in America, imagine the reaction. We would
20 lose hundreds if not thousands of people all for
21 fossil fuels in the extraction industry.

22 It really just cannot be allowed to go
23 through, and I would encourage you, you know, to
24 take these comments to heart but also look online.

1 The commentary around this issue online is powerful
2 and it's overwhelmingly negative. Thank you so
3 much.

4 MR. BELNIAK: Thank you, Tim, for your
5 comments.

6 All right. I don't see any more hands
7 raised at the moment, but if you like to, we would
8 love to hear your comments this evening. You can
9 press * 9 on the telephone or the "Raise Hand"
10 button down below. And I should correct myself.
11 We're not just interested in hearing your comments
12 this evening. We're interested in hearing your
13 comments at any time. So, there are several ways to
14 stay in touch, stay engaged, as you can see on the
15 screen. But also I'm pasting into the chat. This
16 is actually meeting three of a six-meeting series.
17 Now, the meetings are all roughly the same. I say
18 roughly meaning some of our opening remarks may be a
19 bit different, the ones that are not scripted, but
20 the part that is different is the comments from you,
21 the public, and we certainly invite you to attend
22 any one of the remaining meetings. We have several
23 meetings, different times of day, different days of
24 the week to give as many people assess to this

1 process as possible. So you can see in the chat I
2 just pasted this, the full meeting schedule
3 highlighting which one we're on, and the three that
4 remain next week, both two in the evening and one in
5 the afternoon. So we encourage you to attend
6 multiple meetings if you'd like. We just want you
7 to give a head-up, that's going to be largely the
8 same content as here, but if you would like to hear
9 different comments from the public, that would be
10 your best opportunity to do so.

11 So once again, welcoming anyone in the
12 audience to raise hands to share your comments with
13 us.

14 Just as a reminder for those who may have
15 joined a few minutes late where at the very
16 beginning of the meeting we were talking about how
17 the meeting would be run. We had some opening
18 remarks and some administrative comments, and then
19 we shared a short video. Thanks for those of you
20 who were able to see it. And then we moved into
21 this public comments session.

22 This is the duration of the meeting for the
23 next 70 minutes or so . There is no net new content
24 to be present. So we'd love to have you stick

1 around to offer up your comments, to hear some of
2 your fellow citizens' comments. We would love to
3 have that, but there is no other net new content
4 being presented, so I wanted to make sure everyone
5 is aware of that.

6 Please stick around for the duration of the
7 meeting. We would love to have you here. We just
8 want to make sure everyone knows what the rest of
9 the meeting is going to entail.

10 Just another friendly reminder. You can
11 raise your hand to share your comments with us this
12 evening with the * 9 on your telephone or "Raise
13 Hand" in the bottom of the Zoom controls.

14 You can also email us,
15 contact@CP-KCSmergerEIS.com. And just to reiterate
16 something that was stated in the video, all comments
17 received, whichever form they are received, are
18 treated equally, whether they are in the meeting,
19 whether they are emailed or anything else, or postal
20 mail. So you have equal opportunity to submit your
21 comments in whichever form is best for you.

22 And with that, I do see a hand raised. So
23 I would like to let the phone number ending in 993,
24 I'm going to send the command to you to unmute your

1 microphone, and when you do you'll be have three
2 minutes to share your comments with us.

3 There you go.

4 MR. O'CONNOR: Hi. Thank you very much.
5 My name is John O'Connor. I'm calling to say that I
6 think the environmental issues posed by this
7 proposed merger far outweigh the whatever benefits
8 this could possibly have for citizens. It seems
9 like this is just a -- there is no consideration for
10 the people that live around these rail lines, and I
11 think is the smog caused by the trains and potential
12 for oil spills makes this proposal not at all worth
13 anything to the citizens of Minnesota where I'm
14 from.

15 Hello?

16 MR. BELNIAK: Yes. Sorry. I wanted to
17 make sure, I didn't want to turn your line off if
18 you still have more to say.

19 MR. O'CONNOR: No. That's all I've got.
20 Thank you.

21 MR. BELNIAK: Okay. Thank you, John. I
22 appreciate your comments.

23 All right. Okay. And if anyone else would
24 like to be, like John, would like to share comments,

1 we certainly welcome that opportunity. So just you
2 can use the "Raise Hand" button or you can use the
3 * 9 on the telephone to raise your hand and we'll
4 add you to the queue. Right now the queue is empty
5 so you would be first up to speak.

6 All right. We are at the top of the hour.
7 We're with you for two hours this evening. We're
8 looking forward to the balance of time we have.
9 Again, please use the "Raise Hand" button in the
10 Zoom controls or * 9 on your telephone to let us
11 know you've got comments for us. We'd love to hear
12 them. You can also use any one of the contacts
13 items that you can see on your screen there,
14 visiting any one of the three websites. You can
15 also email us on contact@atCP-KCSmergerEIS.com, or
16 via telephone, 888-319-2337. That's toll free.
17 Again, 888-319-2337.

18 Okay. I see a new hand raised. There is a
19 phone number ending in 465. So 465, I'm going to
20 send a command to you to unmute your phone, and when
21 you do, you have the floor for three minutes.
22 Welcome.

23 MR. DENTON: Hello. How is it going?

24 MR. BELNIAK: Well, thank you.

1 MR. DENTON: My name is Robert Denton. I
2 just want to say I oppose the Canada Pacific rail
3 merger. I've just don't appreciate their safety
4 record. Just don't want them carrying oil and
5 chemicals through small towns.

6 MR. BELNIAK: Okay. Is that it, Robert, or
7 do you have more?

8 MR. DENTON: That's it. That's it. That's
9 all I want to say. Just I'm against the merger.
10 Just wanted to call in and voice my displeasure.

11 MR. BELNIAK: Robert, thanks very much for
12 your comment. We certainly appreciate it.

13 MR. DENTON: Thank you.

14 MR. BELNIAK: Okay. There are no more
15 hands raised at the moment, so if you wish to speak,
16 please raise your hand and let us know. * 9 on your
17 telephone or use the "Raise Hand" button in the tray
18 of Zoom controls.

19 Just a friendly reminder. If you want to
20 comment use the "Raise Hand" feature or * 9 on your
21 telephone. You can also go to any one of the
22 websites seen on the screen here or join the email
23 list, or use the EIS information line
24 and share your comments with us, or postal mail, as

1 was mentioned in the video. We welcome your
2 comments in any way. Thank you.

3 For those of you wishing to get information
4 that's on the screen, I just pasted it onto the
5 chat. So if you would like to select it, copy and
6 paste it out into a Word document or some other way
7 for you to access it later, please do that. It's
8 the same information you can see on the screen here,
9 the three project websites, the email list on how to
10 contact us, as well as the toll-free telephone
11 number. Thanks.

12 We have just over 35 minutes of time
13 remaining, so if you would like to share a comment,
14 please do so. Once again, you can press the "Raise
15 Hand" button in the bottom tray of Zoom, or you can
16 press * 9 in your telephone and that will raise your
17 hand for me, and we can get your mike opened up and
18 you can share your comment with the team here.

19 Once again, we will be wrapping up in about
20 35 minutes, about 8:00 o'clock Central time. You
21 can offer up comments in multiple ways, including in
22 any one of the websites that you see on the screen
23 there to at least get more information and
24 definitely go to the project website, and that's

1 CP-KCSmergerEIS.com, or you can officially submit
2 comments as well as the email address, which is
3 contact@, and it's the same address,
4 CP-KCSmergerEIS.com. And telephone, toll-free,
5 888-319-2337. Thanks.

6 We've got about 30 minutes left in
7 tonight's meeting, so if you would like to comment,
8 if you've been holding out, now is a great time.
9 Please use the "Raise Hand" button or * 9 on your
10 telephone. Let us know that you would like your
11 voice to be heard and we'll give you three minutes
12 to let us hear what you have to say. Thank you.

13 We are at 40 minutes past the hour. 20
14 minutes remain in the third of six meetings for you
15 to offer up public commentary on the CP-KCS proposed
16 merger. Please do raise your hand or press * 9 on
17 the telephone to let us know you would like to offer
18 up comments. You can also submit them via email,
19 contact@CP-KCSmergerEIS.com. And please visit any
20 one of the three websites or even all three that you
21 see on the screen to get more information about the
22 project, get more educated, and please do share
23 comments with us. Thank you.

24 We've got 15 minutes to go in this

1 evening's session. So if you're putting your
2 finishing touches on them, we'd love to hear from
3 you it. Thank you.

4 All right. We have another hand raised, so
5 I'm going to send a command to Susanne F. Susanne,
6 when you unmute you'll have three minutes to share
7 with us your comments.

8 Wonderful. Welcome, Susanne.

9 MS. SUSANNE F: Sorry guys, can you hear
10 me?

11 MR. BELNIAK: Yes, we can.

12 MS. SUSANNE F: Yes. Okay. Well, I did
13 have something quick to say. I am worried about
14 Canadian Pacific's safety record and the hazards
15 involved by transporting oil by trains in small
16 towns. That is it. Thank you.

17 MR. BELNIAK: Okay. Thank you for taking
18 the time to share your comments. Appreciate it.

19 All right. If anyone else would like to be
20 like Susanne and share your comments tonight, we
21 would love to hear from you. You've got about seven
22 minutes left or so. At the end of the comment
23 period we will briefly close out with a few remarks.
24 And once again I'll be pasting some information into

1 the chat in case you missed it. Maybe you closed
2 the window by mistake. I just want to make sure
3 you've got access to all the ways to stay connected,
4 stay informed, and perhaps you'll be able to attend
5 a future meeting. Once again, if you've got some
6 comments we would love to hear from you. Thank you.

7 Just a moment ago I pasted some information
8 into the chat. It's some of the same information
9 you may have been seeing all evening. Just want to
10 make sure everyone had it it. It includes the
11 schedule of the six meetings we have, this being the
12 third of six, as well as the ways to stay informed
13 and contact us, which happens to be the same
14 information you can see on the screen right now.

15 I'll go back on mute and come back in about
16 a minute and a half to wrap this up, and any last
17 takers for comments, we would love to hear from you.
18 Thanks.

19 Okay. It looks like we are at the top of
20 the hour, and at this time I would like to thank
21 everyone in the audience including those who were
22 with us for a short time and have left. We
23 certainly appreciate you spending whatever portion
24 of time with us this evening to learn more about the

1 project and to share your comments. We encourage
2 you to continue to learn more about the project and
3 to share those comments through the methods that we
4 mentioned earlier today.

5 On behalf of the panelists here tonight, I
6 would like to bid you a good night, and we are going
7 to close out the meeting. So with that, we hope to
8 see you again. Thanks, everyone.

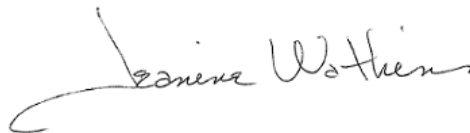
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