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STATE OF ILLINOIS

ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

Illinois Central Railroad Company,

Petitioner,

v.

Neoga Township, the City of Neoga and the State of Illinois,  
Department of Transportation,

Respondents.

Petition of Illinois Central Railroad Company seeking an order of closure of the at-grade crossings of Cemetery Road/ TR-67 (DOT 289 160P; railroad milepost 185) and TR-85 (DOT 289 161W; railroad milepost 185.65) and the Illinois Central Railroad Company's tracks, and an order of installation of automatic flashers and gates at the crossing of TR-85A (DOT 289 162D; railroad milepost 186.16) and the Illinois Central Railroad Company's tracks, all in Neoga Township, Cumberland County, Illinois.

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RAIL SAFETY SECTION

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**RESPONSE TO RESPONDENT'S THIRD SET OF INTERROGATORIES**

Now comes Illinois Central Railroad Company ("IC") with its Response to the City of Neoga's Third Set of Interrogatories and states as follows (the Requests are in italics):

**INTERROGATORY #1:** *To what extent has the ICRR completed horizontal and vertical control data concerning a survey at the locations where they intend the new access roads to be completed? Is such data sufficient to arrive at an estimate of cost of construction? What are the components of and total cost of construction of each road?*

**ANSWER:**

IC has provided preliminary estimates, horizontal and vertical control data, and plans. From this information, IC could solicit contractors bids for the work and get more detailed estimates. But IC has not done so at this time.

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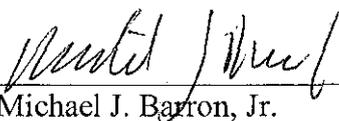
**INTERROGATORY #2:** *How often and for how long is a train expected to block each intersection on a daily and on a monthly basis?*

**ANSWER:**

Currently IC may typically run freight trains through Neoga of up to 150 cars or 10,000 feet, with 8,000 feet currently being the norm. On a daily basis, there would typically be four Amtrak trains a day and approximately 20 freight trains a day. The siding at Neoga is a substantial length and is a good place to do train meets between Mattoon and Effingham. The number of times a day that trains have to use the siding at Neoga to pass each other varies significantly, but four meets (involving 8 trains) would not be atypical. The length of time that trains may be blocking crossings in the siding on a daily or monthly basis is not able to be given. In part, it is a function of how close the IC makes the meet (i.e., how long does a train in the siding have to wait for a train in traveling in the opposite direction to pass). But the information provided here, plus the information in previous discovery provided on train speeds, give a picture of how busy the trains in and near Neoga are.

Dated at Homewood, Illinois this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2005.

ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY

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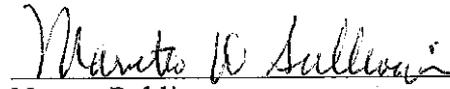
VERIFICATION

State of Illinois            )  
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County of Cook            )

John Henriksen, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the Manager-Public Works for Illinois Central Railroad Company, that he has read the foregoing Response to the City of Neoga's Third Set of Interrogatories and knows the facts asserted therein, and that the same are true as stated.



Subscribed and Sworn to before me this 3rd day of August, 2005.

  
Notary Public

