

Today is February 7. You want to have these hearings done by May 26, 2000. You have not even published the locations and dates of where the hearings will be located. I am going to have to travel over 400 miles to attend one of these hearings because you only have 8 or 9 hearing locations throughout the country. This is not sufficient.

Your time frames are also unrealistic. People need advance notice to ask for time off from work and to make arrangements for hotels, etc.

You should have scheduled more hearings. Outside of Ft. Lauderdale, I don't see any Southern states. UP has their headquarters in Nebraska. I would assume that there are people in Alabama, Oklahoma, Texas and Nebraska who might want to testify. UP has its rail hub in Roseville, CA. Recently over two hundred residents submitted a petition to the city asking for relief from train horns. Yet they will have to travel hundreds of miles to have any input. Some people believe that personal input is better than written input.

To me, this lack of sufficient hearing locations along with short notice of hearing dates is designed to limit public input.