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Dear Ms. Brown:

SUBJECT: Docket No. EP 724, United States Rail Service Issues

Dairyland Power Cooperative (DPC) writes in support of Western Coal Traffic League's (WCTL) petition to the Surface Transportation Board (STB) of October 22, 2014, asking the Board to order the BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) to submit a coal-specific service recovery plan.

DPC continues to receive inadequate service to our J.P. Madgett (JPM) coal-fired plant located in Alma, Wisconsin. JPM is captive to the BNSF. Therefore, adequate and consistent coal transportation to JPM by BNSF is critical to DPC's mission to provide reliable electric service to its cooperative members.

Poor rail service to JPM has forced DPC to curtail electric generation at JPM and seek alternative power sources, which costs are borne by our cooperative members. Unfortunately, there are no signs that BNSF's service will improve soon. DPC, therefore, encourages the STB to grant WCTL's petition.

Sincerely,

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