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FD 35081 (Sub-No. 2)

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Washington, DC 20423-000

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RE: **Finance Docket No. 35081**; *Canadian Pacific Railway Company, et. al. – Control-Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad Corp., et. al.*

Dear STB Members:

I am writing to express my concern over the CP's operation and possible sale or lease of the DME line. The CP's announced plans to sell are of great concern to the people of South Dakota as well. If implemented, they could eliminate the benefits CP had promised South Dakota farmers and shippers, leaving them with marginalized service and fewer competitive options than those that existed when DM&E first began operations in 1986.

When CP sought to purchase the DM&E, it committed to make substantial investments in the line. We, the people of South Dakota, relied on those commitments and supported the acquisition based on those promises! Had we known that, in just a few short years, the CP would flip the track and eliminate access to Minneapolis/St. Paul, Mankato, Waseca, Winona and Chicago, just to name a few, it is inconceivable that the CP would have received the support it did for the acquisition.

Several shippers have made considerable investments on the existing tracks to expand to shuttle loading facilities based on rail availability to those markets. Those investments are now at risk. Additional investments by other shippers in expansion plans have been suspended as a result of the CP's announcement.

The STB's approval of the South Dakota petition would allow the CP to publicly justify its belated effort to avoid these track upgrades and service to the STB, South Dakota farmers, shippers and communities who relied on their representation.

Please accept my letter as an expression of my complete support for the SD DOT's *Petition to Enforce Canadian Pacific Railway Company's Investment Representations* in the above-captioned matter.

Sincerely,



GREG W. RAISANEN  
President of Belle Fourche City Council

Cc: The Honorable Daniel R. Elliott III  
The Honorable Ann. D. Begeman  
The Honorable Francis P. Mulvey

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Re: **Finance Docket No. 35081**; Canadian Pacific Railway Company, et. al. – Control-Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad Corp., et. al.

To whom it may concern,

I hereby certify that on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2013, I served copies of the forgoing on all parties of record to this proceeding by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ryan C. Kavan'.

Ryan C. Kavan, PE  
City Engineer

enclosure