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Chief, Section of Administration
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Re: STB Finance Docket No. 35644, BNSF Railway Company -- Acquisition and
Operation Exemption -- Nebraska Northeastern Railway Company

Dear Ms. Brown:

My name is Kevin Thompson. I am an Assistant Vice President for Cargill AgHorizons based in Minneapolis, MN. I am responsible for all the rail transportation for our grain business.

Cargill is an international producer and marketer of food, agricultural, industrial and financial products and services. AgHorizons is one of Cargill's business units that serves farmers from a network of over 100 grain elevators throughout the United States. One of our AgHorizons elevators is located in O'Neill, NE and is rail served by the Nebraska Northeastern Railway Company ("NENE"). Our elevator in O'Neill is one our top 10 rail loaders in the US.

The BNSF Railway Company ("BNSF") is seeking approval to acquire the NENE rail line. We support this move by the BNSF as we believe this will give us a premier rail supplier. Our elevator is located at the end of the NENE line. Predictability of service should improve with the BNSF. We should also see quicker transit times. This will move will give us greater confidence to invest in our facility at O'Neill to meet the long term marketing needs of our farmer customers.

We support the BNSF's acquisition of the NENE and would ask the Surface Transportation Board to grant quick approval of this purchase. Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,

Kevin Thompson