

AB-33 (Sub-No, 316X)

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9/17/2013
Section of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
Washington, DC 20423

Re: Abandonment of Great Western RR
Dear Sirs:

This RR. was given or purchased on the very first page of our abstract. Our land lays right north of the man line on Olive Avenue in Hampton, IA 50441. Attached are copies of the land and the RR. I thought that the property owners had first rights if the tracks were abandoned. The Great Western had made a crossing to get access to our field but had also rented siding to a Cob Plant and the owner wouldn't let us through, so the County had to construct a drive-way down a steep hill which is almost impossible to take 300 bu. of corn or beans up the steep hill, stop on the hill, look for traffic or a train and then try to start over while still on the hill.

If we had the siding we would be on level ground. Several years ago a tree from the Great Western RR fell into our corn field and they refused to remove it. We hired someone to remove the tree and had to pick the corn by hand because the corn-picker had been through it already.

My step-father and his 3 sons were all employed by the Great Western RR and we 3 girls were known as dead heads.

You have UP trains that runs through our farm and you have access to our mowed lane to investigate any problem you might have. Please advise if I need a copy of the EA. We are interested in the South side of the tracks if no one else is.

cc: First page of abstract
cc: Copy of our land and the RR (UP and GW)
cc: 2 abandoned RR. properties now owned by us
cc: copy of transfer of farms to Marjorie F. Foss Trust
Sincerely,

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