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VIA E-FILING

Re: *Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad Corporation - Abandonment of Trackage in
Scott County, Iowa* ⁹
STB Docket No. AB-337 (Sub-No. ~~7X~~)

Dear Ms. Rutson:

Please find enclosed for filing a copy of Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad Corporation's Environmental and Historic Reports pursuant to 49 C.F.R. Part 1105. A copy of the transmittal letter pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1105.11 is also enclosed.

DM&E anticipates filing a Notice of Exemption seeking authority to abandon the 1.95 mile line of railroad on or about September 20, 2016.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Stinson Leonard Street LLP

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "W. Karl Hansen", written over the typed name.

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cc: Parties on the Attached Service List



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To: Persons on the attached Service List

Re: *Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad Corporation - Abandonment of Trackage in
Scott County, Iowa*
STB Docket No. AB-337 (Sub-No. 9X)

Dear Sir/Madam:

On or about September 20, 2016, Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad Corporation ("DM&E") expects to file with the Surface Transportation Board ("STB") a Verified Notice of Exemption seeking authority to abandon approximately 1.95 miles of rail line between Milepost 7.52 +/- and Milepost 9.47 +/- (Eldridge Line) in Scott County, Iowa. Attached is an Environmental Report and Historic Report describing the proposed action and any expected environmental and historic effects, as well as a map of the affected area.

DM&E is providing this report so that you may review the information that will form the basis for the STB's independent environmental analysis of this proceeding. If any of the information is misleading or incorrect, if you believe that pertinent information is missing, or if you have any questions about the Board's environmental review process, please contact the Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA), Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW, Washington D.C. 20423, telephone (202) 245-0454 and refer to the above Docket No. AB-337 (Sub No. 9X). Because the applicable statutes and regulations impose stringent deadlines for processing this action, your written comments to OEA (with a copy to the undersigned) would be appreciated within 3 weeks.

Your comments will be considered by the Board in evaluating the environmental and historic preservation impacts of the contemplated action. If there are any questions concerning this proposal, please contact the undersigned directly.

Sincerely,

Stinson Leonard Street LLP

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