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Ms. Cynthia Brown
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Re: *James Valley Grain, LLC v. BNSF Railway Company*
STB Docket No. 42139

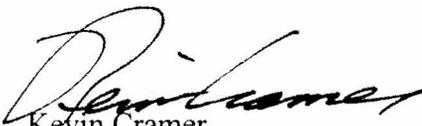
Dear Ms. Brown:

I write this letter regarding James Valley Grain, LLC's (JVG) Petition for an Order Compelling Establishment of Common Carrier Rates between Red River Valley and Western Railroad (RRVW) and Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad (BNSF). It is my understanding the issue in dispute concerns shuttle service and rates at JVG's proposed Verona, ND facility, and the necessary investment to provide efficient shuttle service to present, and future, shuttle customers on the RRVW line.

During my past tenure on the North Dakota Public Service Commission, there were occasions whereby the Commission was required to take an active part in disputes between stakeholders. It appears that the compulsion of a rate for JVG would be resolved if BNSF and RRVW settled the contractual matters between them. Therefore, I (hereby) urge you to encourage such action by the parties. It is my opinion settlement between BNSF and RRVW should occur and is preferable to formal board disposition at this time.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Kevin Cramer
Member of Congress

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