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Ms. Cynthia Brown  
Chief, Section of Administration  
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Surface Transportation Board  
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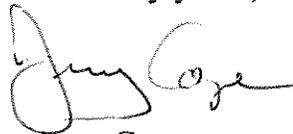
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Re: Docket No. EP 724, *United States Rail Service Issues* –  
Notice of Intent to Participate \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Ms. Brown:

The South Dakota Grain and Feed Association (“SDGFA”) hereby provides its notice of intent to participate in the field hearing on September 4, 2014 in Fargo, ND. SDGFA represents more than 300 members and is comprised of grain elevators, their branch locations and feed manufacturers. SDGFA will be represented by the undersigned, Jerry Cope, President of SDGFA. I request ten (10) minutes to make my oral statement to the Board.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jerry Cope". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jerry" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Cope".

Jerry Cope  
President

South Dakota Grain & Feed Association