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The Honorable Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
Surface Transportation Board
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Washington, DC 20423-0001

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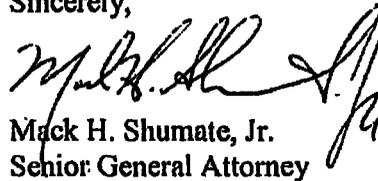
Re: Proposed Abandonment and Discontinuance of Service over the entire Hartland Subdivision from Milepost 119.65 at Curtis, the point of connection with the Albert Lea Subdivision, to the end of Union Pacific ownership at Milepost 107.0 near Hartland, a distance of 12.65 miles in Freeborn County, Minnesota; STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 298X)

Dear Ms. Brown:

Pursuant to the Board's exemption procedures for abandonment of rail lines with no local business for at least two years, (49 C.F.R. 1152.50), I am hereby e-filing a verified Notice of Exemption, including a Certificate of Service and Publication for the above-referenced matter.

Please file the Notice of Exemption in Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 298X). Enclosed is a credit card authorization form in the amount of \$3,600.00 for the filing fee.

Sincerely,


Mack H. Shumate, Jr.
Senior General Attorney

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UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY
-- ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION --
IN FREEBORN COUNTY, MINNESOTA
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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Union Pacific Railroad Company ("UP") submits this verified Notice of Exemption pursuant to 49 § C.F.R. 1152, Subpart F -- Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances of Service and Trackage Rights, for an exempt abandonment of the entire Hartland Subdivision from Milepost 119.65 at Curtis, the point of connection with the Albert Lea Subdivision, to the end of UP ownership at Milepost 107.0 near Hartland, a distance of 12.65 miles in Freeborn County, Minnesota (the "Line").

Proposed Consummation Date: 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50 (d)(2)

The abandonment is proposed to be consummated on or after July 22, 2011 (at least 50 days after filing the Notice of Exemption).

Certification: 49 C.F.R. 1152.50(b)

UP certifies that no local traffic has moved over the Line for at least two years; and that no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the Line (or filed by a state or local governmental entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the Line either is pending with this Board or any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of the complainant within the two-year period. UP further certifies that there is no overhead traffic on the Line.

Additional Information Required: 49 C.F.R. 1152.22(a)(1) (4), (7)-(8) and (e)(4)

(a) General.

(a)(1) The railroads' exact name is Union Pacific Railroad Company.

(a)(2) UP is a common carrier by railroad subject to 49 U.S.C. Subtitle IV, Chapter 105.

(a)(3) UP intends to abandon the Line from Milepost 119.65 at Curtis, the point of connection with the Albert Lea Subdivision, to the end of UP ownership at Milepost 107.0 near Hartland, a distance of 12.65 miles. The Line is located in Freeborn County, Minnesota.

(a)(4) A map showing the location of the Line in conjunction with other rail lines, highways and major roads in the area is attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and hereby made a part hereof.

(a)(7) The representative to whom correspondence regarding this abandonment should be sent is:

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Union Pacific Railroad Company
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(a)(8) ZIP Code. The Line traverses U. S. Postal Service Zip Codes 56007 and 56042.

(e)(4) Rural and Community Impact. The Line was originally constructed in 1878 by the Minneapolis & St. Louis Railroad. The Line currently consists almost entirely of 100-pound jointed rail installed in 1940 and 1942.

After the proposed abandonment, the closest rail service will be provided near the south end of the Line on UP's Albert Lea Subdivision at the town of Albert Lea, Minnesota. In addition, the south end of the Line is near rail service provided by Canadian National Railway Company and Canadian Pacific Railway. The north end of the Line at Hartland, Minnesota is served by the Canadian Pacific Railway, which owns the line north of milepost 107.0. The majority of the Line is paralleled closely by Minnesota Route 13. A number of local roads run east to connect Route 13 to Interstate 35. Route 13 also interchanges directly to Interstate 90 northwest of Albert Lea, Minnesota.

The right-of-way in the Line proposed for abandonment may be suitable for other public purposes, including conservation, energy transmission, or recreation (hiking/biking/trail use). By letter dated December 17, 2010, a copy of which was included as Attachment 5 to UP's Combined Environmental and Historic Report filed with the Board on February 17, 2011, Freeborn County, Minnesota has expressed an interest in trail development along the entire Line. (See **Exhibit D**).

The right-of-way is not suited for roads or highways as the Line already parallels State Highway 13. UP's ownership interest in the Line is predominately non-reversionary fee title. A few small parcels were acquired under an Act of Congress and there may be restrictions on title that could affect the transfer or the use of said property for other than railroad purposes. Specifically, based upon information in UP's possession, the Line contains six (6) parcels of federally granted right-of-way totaling approximately 12.3 acres acquired by Act of Congress dated July 30, 1877.

The National Geodetic Survey ("NGS") has responded that there are approximately 21 geodetic survey marks in the area of the Line. As directed, UP will

consult with the NGS at least ninety (90) days prior to beginning Salvage activities that will distort or destroy any geodetic station marks. (See **Exhibit E**). There will be no effect on regional or local transportation systems and patterns and diversion of traffic to other transportation systems or modes.

Documentation with regard to the Line, including real estate records relating to the Line in UP's possession, will be made available to those requesting it.

Labor Protection

The interests of railroad employees will be protected by the conditions discussed in Oregon Short Line Railroad Co. -- Abandonment -- Goshen , 360 ICC 91 (1979).

Certifications

Attached hereto as **Exhibit B** and hereby made a part hereof is a Certificate of Service and Publication prepared pursuant to the notice requirements of 49 C.F.R. §§ 1152.50(d)(1), 1105.11 and 1105.12.

Environmental and Historic Report

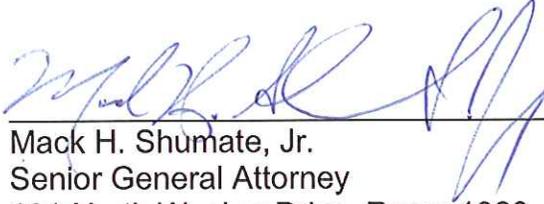
A copy of the Transmittal Letter of UP's Combined Environmental and Historic Report containing the information required by 49 C.F.R. §§ 1105.7 (e) and 1105.8, and delivered in accordance with 49 C.F.R. 1105.11, is attached hereto as **Exhibit C** and is hereby made a part hereof. The original was e-filed to the Honorable Cynthia T. Brown, Chief, Section of Administration, on February 17, 2011. The Section 106 review from the Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office dated January 3, 2011, found that there are no properties listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places that will be effected by the proposed abanondment. This letter was submitted to the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis ("SEA") as Attachment 4 to UP's

Combined Environmental and Historic Report and is attached hereto as **Exhibit F** and is hereby made a part hereof.

Dated this 2nd day of June, 2011.

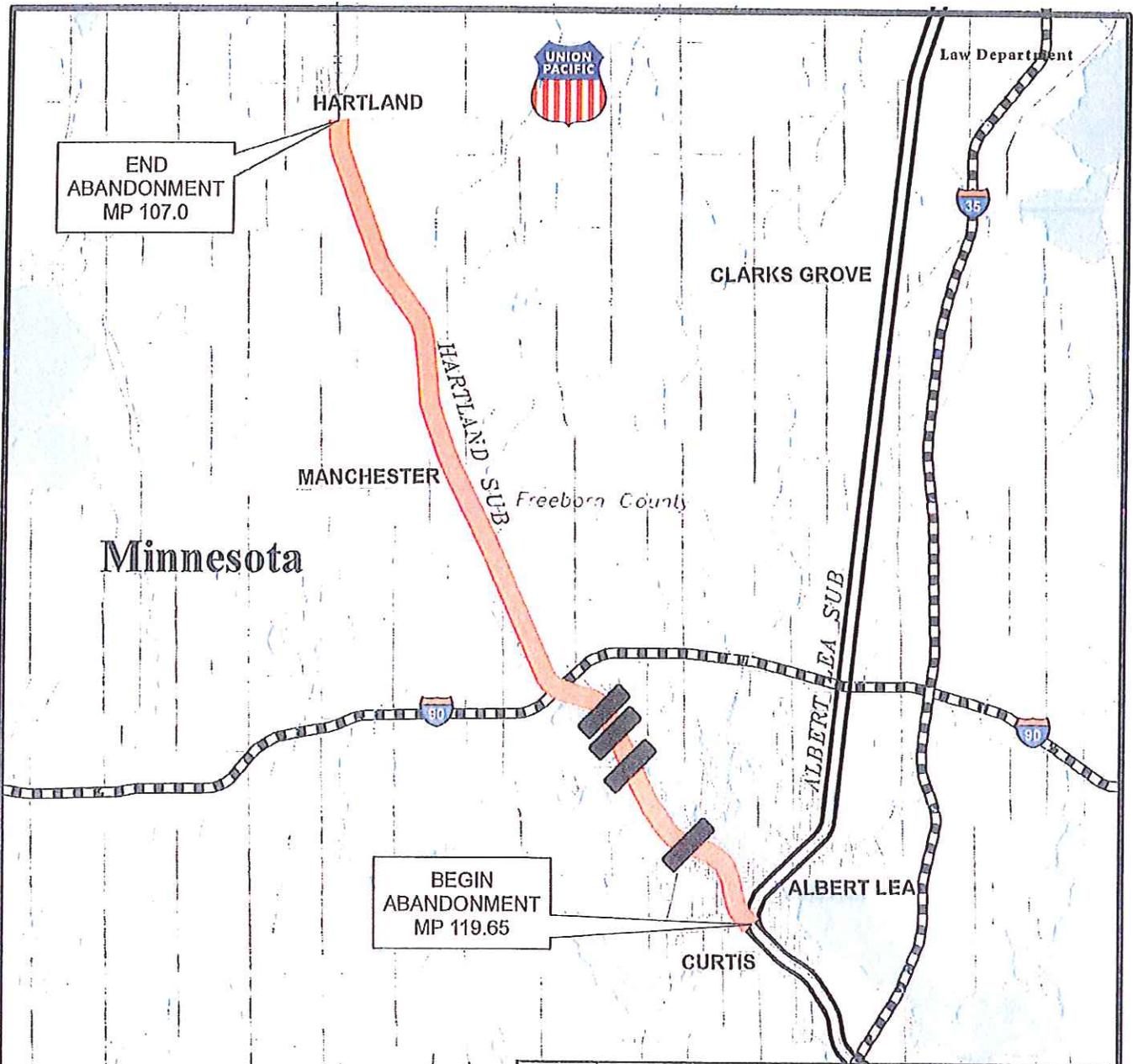
Respectfully submitted,

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY

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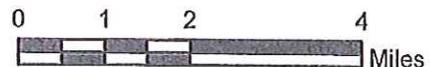
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HARTLAND SUBDIVISION

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HARTLAND SUBDIVISION
MINNESOTA



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UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY
--ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION--
IN FREEBORN COUNTY, MINNESOTA
(HARTLAND SUBDIVISION)

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE AND PUBLICATION

49 C.F.R. § 1152.50(d)(1) - Notice

The undersigned certifies that on May 4, 2011 (at least 10 days before a Notice of Exemption is filed), written notice was given of Union Pacific's intent to use the Notice of Exemption procedure to abandon the Hartland Subdivision from Milepost 119.65 at Curtis, to the point of connection with the Albert Lea Subdivision, to the end of Union Pacific ownership at Milepost 107.0 near Hartland, a total distance of 12.65 miles in Freeborn County, Minnesota in Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 298X). Written notice (a copy of which is attached) was served on the following:

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place E., Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101-2147

U.S. Dept. of Agriculture
Chief of the Forest Service
4th Floor, N.W. Auditors Bldg.
U.S. Department of Agriculture
14th St. & Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20250

National Park Service
Midwest Region
601 Riverfront Drive
Omaha, NE 68102-4226

Headquarters
Military Surface Deployment &
Distribution Command
Transportation Engineering Agency
ATTN: ADTE - SA
Railroads for National Defense Program
709 Ward Drive, Building 1990
Scott AFB, IL 62225-5357

49 C.F.R. § 1105.11—Environmental and Historic Report

The undersigned certifies that on February 17, 2011 (at least 20 days before a Notice of Exemption is filed), a Combined Environmental and Historic Report pursuant to 49 C.F.R. §§ 1105.7 and 1105.8 was served in Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 298X) for

abandonment and discontinuance of the Hartland Subdivision in Freeborn County, Minnesota on the following:

- (1) State Clearinghouse (or alternate)
- (2) State Environmental Protection Agency
- (3) State Coastal Zone Management Agency
- (4) Head of each County
- (5) U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (regional office)
- (6) U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- (7) U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- (8) National Park Service
- (9) U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service
- (10) The National Geodetic Survey
- (11) State Historic Preservation Office
- (12) Other Agencies Consulted (as listed)

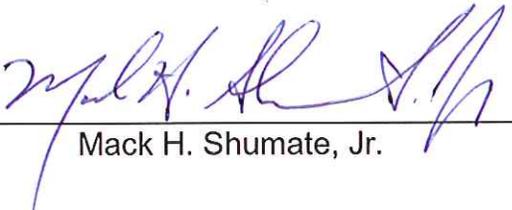
(The Certificate of Service attached to the Combined Environmental and Historic Report lists the names and addresses of the federal, state and local agencies served.)

49 C.F.R. § 1105.12 - Newspaper Notice

The undersigned further certifies that a "Notice of Intent to Abandon" was published in the form prescribed by the Board for a Notice of Exemption. The Notice was published one time in a major newspaper in the county in which the Line is located as follows:

<u>County</u>	<u>Newspaper</u>	<u>Date</u>
Freeborn	Albert Lea Tribune	May 5, 2011

Dated this 2nd day of June, 2011.


Mack H. Shumate, Jr.

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U.S. Dept. of Agriculture
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4th Floor, N.W. Auditors Bldg.
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Washington, DC 20250

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REVISED PROPOSED FILING DATE

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Dear Sir or Madam:

Please be advised that Union Pacific Railroad Company ("UP") expects to file with the United States Surface Transportation Board ("STB"), on or after May 16, 2011, a notice of an exempt abandonment on a portion of a line of railroad known as the Hartland Subdivision, located in Freeborn County, Minnesota, extending from approximately Milepost 119.65 at Curtis, to the point of connection with the Albert Lea Subdivision, to the end of Union Pacific ownership at Milepost 107.0 near Hartland (The "Line"), a total distance of 12.65 miles. The Line traverses U.S. Postal Service zip codes 56007 and 56042.

The "no business" exemption procedure will be used to abandon the Line, pursuant to the STB's abandonment regulations at 49 C.F.R. §1152.50. No local traffic has moved over the Line for at least two years and there is no overhead traffic on the Line. A Notice of Exemption to abandon service on the Line pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50 (no local traffic for at least two years) will be filed with the STB on or after May 16, 2011.

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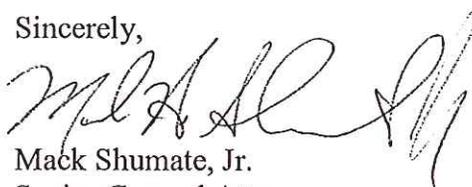


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1877. Any documentation in UP's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

A map showing the segment of Line to be abandoned is attached for your information.

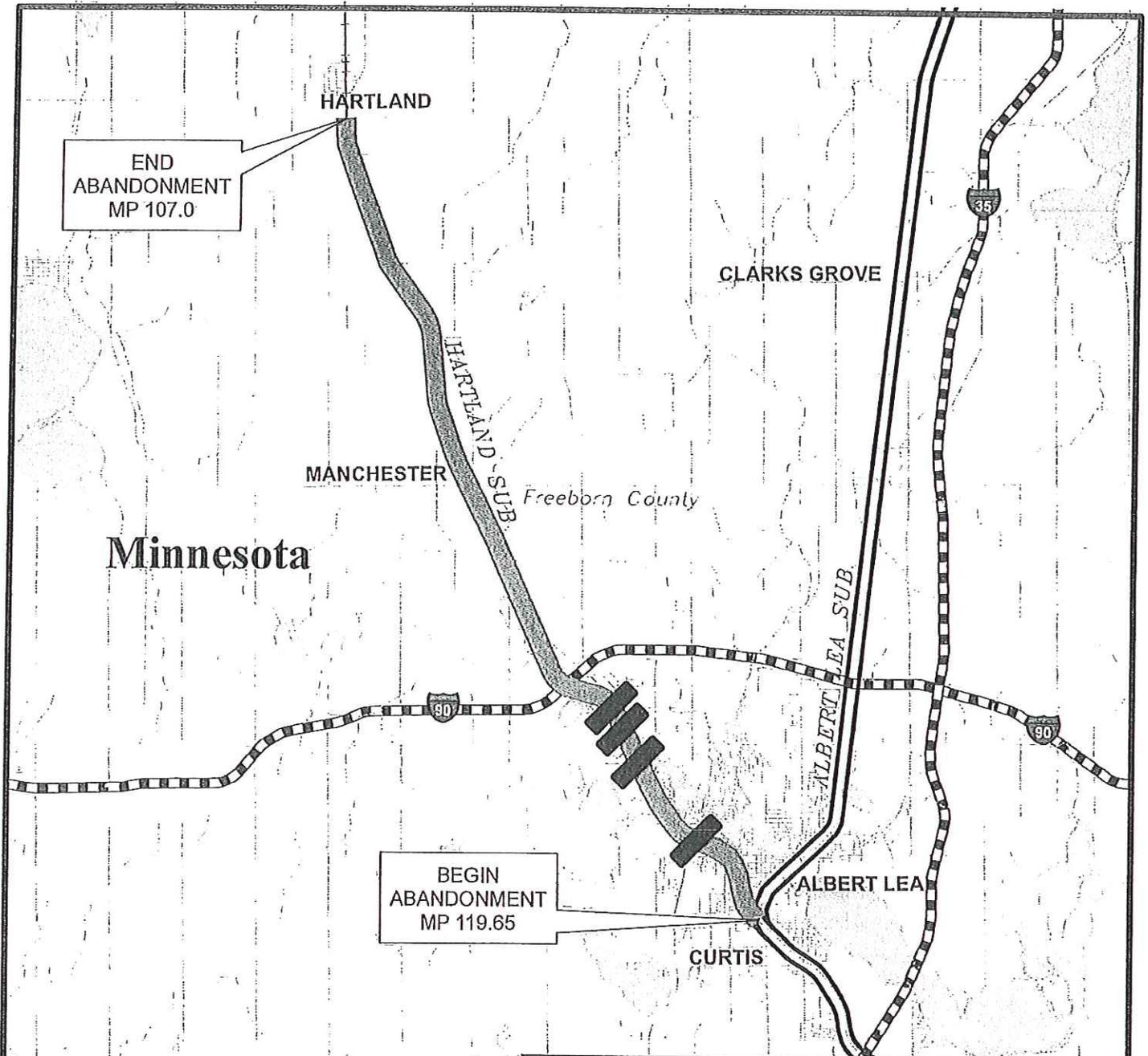
Sincerely,

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Mack Shumate, Jr.
Senior General Attorney

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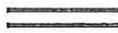
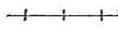


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State of Minnesota
SS.
COUNTY OF FREEBORN

Danielle Boss, being duly sworn on oath says that she is the publisher or authorized agent and employee of the publisher of the newspaper known as the Albert Lea Tribune and has full knowledge of the facts which are stated below:

(A) The newspaper has complied with all of the requirements constituting qualification as a qualified newspaper, as provided by Minnesota Statute 331A.02, 331A.07, and other applicable laws, as amended.

May 5, 2011

and printed below is a copy of the lower-case alphabet from A to Z, both inclusive, which is hereby acknowledged as being the size and kind of type used in the composition and publication of the notice:

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BY: [Signature]
PUBLISHER/AUTHORIZED AGENT

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of May, 2011

BY: [Signature]
Notary Public



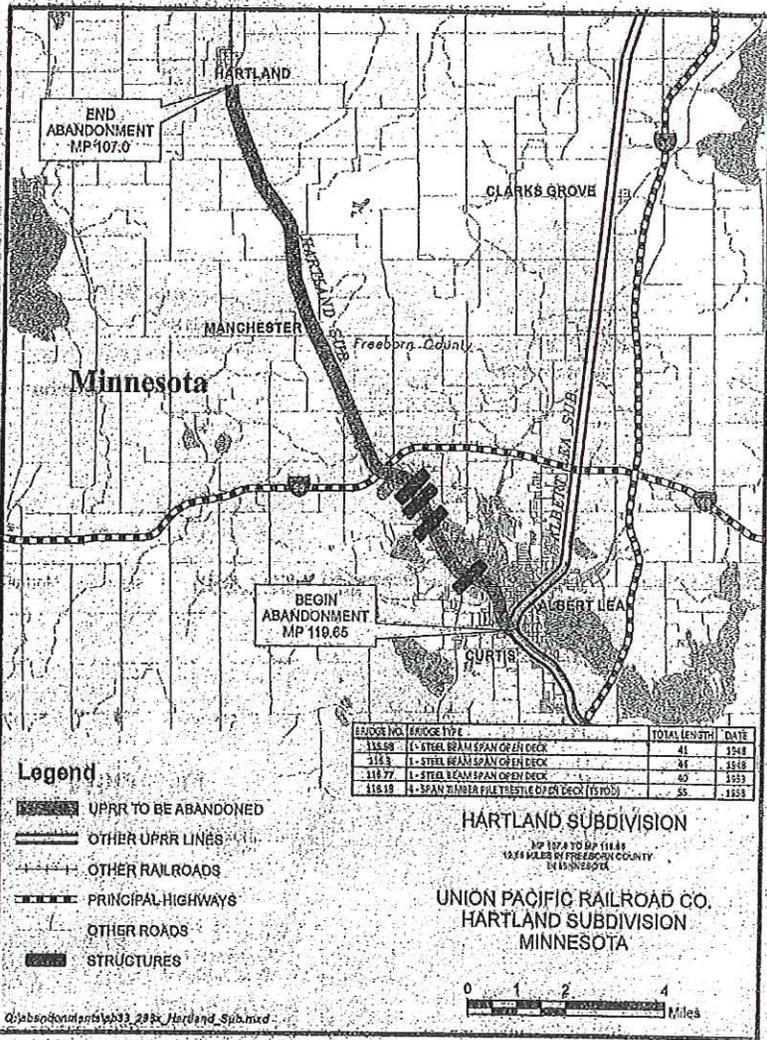
**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ABANDON AND
DISCONTINUE SERVICE**

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY ("UP") gives notice that on or after May 16, 2011 it intends to file with the Surface Transportation Board, Washington, D.C. 20423, a Notice of Exemption under 49 C.F.R. Part 1152, Subpart F—Exempt Abandonments permitting the abandonment of a 12.65 mile line of railroad, known as the Hartland Subdivision, located in Freeborn County, Minnesota, extending from approximately Milepost 119.65 at Curtis to a point of connection with the Albert Lea Subdivision, to the end of Union Pacific ownership at Milepost 107.00 near Hartland. The line traverses U. S. Postal Service Zip Codes 56007 and 56042. The proceeding has been docketed as No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 298X).

The Board's Section of Environmental Analysis ("SEA") will generally prepare an Environmental Assessment ("EA"), which will normally be available 25 days after the filing of the Notice of Exemption. Comments on environmental and energy matters should be filed no later than 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public and will be addressed in a Board decision. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA or make inquiries regarding environmental matters by writing to the Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA), Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423 or by calling that office at (202) 245-0295.

Appropriate offers of financial assistance to continue rail service can be filed with the Board. Requests for environmental conditions, public use conditions, or rail banking/trails use also can be filed with the Board. An original and 10 copies of any pleading that raises matters other than environmental issues (such as trails use, public use, and offers of financial assistance) must be filed directly with the Board's Office of the Secretary, 395 B Street, SW, Washington, DC 20423 [See 49 CFR 1104.1(a) and 1104.3(a).]; and one copy must be served on the applicant's representative. [See 49 CFR 1104.12(a).] Questions regarding offers of financial assistance, public use or trails use may be directed to the Board's Office of Congressional and Public Services at (866) 254-1792. Copies of any comments or requests for conditions should be served on UP's: Mack H. Shumate, Jr., Senior General Attorney, 101 North Wacker Drive, #1920, Chicago, Illinois 60606, (312) 777-2055.

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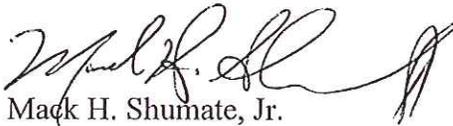
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Dear Ms. Brown:

Attached for filing in the above-referenced docket is the Combined Environmental and Historic Report prepared pursuant to 49 C.F.R. §1105.7 and §1105.8, with a Certificate of Service, and a transmittal letter pursuant to 49 C.F.R. §1105.11.

Union Pacific anticipates filing a Notice of Exemption to Abandon the Line in this matter on or after March 9, 2011.

Yours very truly,


Mack H. Shumate, Jr.
Senior General Attorney

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February 17, 2011

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TO: SEE ATTACHED SERVICE LIST

Re: Proposed Abandonment of the entire Hartland Subdivision, from approximately M.P. 119.65 at Curtis, to the point of connection with the Albert Lea Subdivision, to the end of Union Pacific ownership at M.P. 107.0 near Hartland, a total distance of 12.65 miles in Freeborn County, Minnesota; STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 298X)

To whom it may concern:

On or after March 9, 2011, Union Pacific Railroad Company ("UP") expects to be filing with the Surface Transportation Board ("STB" or "Board") a Notice of Exemption seeking authority to abandon the Line from Milepost 119.65 at Curtis to Milepost 107.0, near Hartland, a distance of 12.65 miles, located in Freeborn County, Minnesota (collectively the "Line"). Attached is a Combined Environmental and Historic Report which describes the proposed action and any expected environmental and historic effects, as well as a map of the affected area.

Union Pacific 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 Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) at the following address, and refer to the above-referenced Docket Number:

Surface Transportation Board
Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA)
395 East Street, S.W., Room #100
Washington, DC 20423-0001
Telephone No.: (202) 245-0296

Because the applicable statutes and regulations impose stringent deadlines for processing this action, your written comments to SEA (with a copy to our representative) would be appreciated within three (3) weeks.

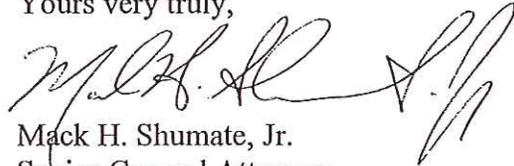


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Your comments will be considered by the Board in evaluating the environmental and/or historic preservation impacts of the contemplated action. If there are any questions concerning this proposal, please contact our representative directly. UP's representative in this matter is Mack H. Shumate, Jr., who may be contacted by telephone at (312) 777-2055 or by mail at 101 North Wacker Drive, Room 1920, Chicago, IL 60606.

Yours very truly,

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Mack H. Shumate, Jr.
Senior General Attorney

SERVICE LIST

State Clearinghouse (or alternate):

Minnesota Department of Transportation
District 6
2900 48th Street NW
Rochester, MN 55901-5848

State Environmental Protection Agency:

Minnesota Environmental Protection Agency
200 Ash Avenue Northwest
Cass Lake, MN 56633-3089

Head of each County:

Freeborn County Commissioners
411 S. Broadway
PO Box 1147
Albert Lea, MN 56007

Environmental Protection Agency

(Regional Office):

US Environmental Protection Agency
Region 5
77 W. Jackson Blvd.
Chicago, IL 60604

State Historic Preservation Office:

Deputy State Historical Preservation Officer
Minnesota Historical Society
345 Kellogg Blvd. W.
St. Paul, MN 55102

U.S. Fish and Wildlife:

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Twin Cities Minnesota Field Office (TCFO)
4101 E. 80th Street
Bloomington, MN 55425-1665

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers:

U. S. Army Corps of Engineers,
Great Lakes & Ohio River Division
550 Main Street
Cincinnati, OH 45202-3222

National Park Service:

National Park Service
Midwest Region
601 Riverfront Drive
Omaha, NE 68102-4226

U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service:

United States Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service
375 Jackson Street, Suite 600
Saint Paul, MN 55101

National Geodetic Survey:

National Geodetic Survey
Geodetic System Division
Information Services
NOAA/NGS12
1315 E-W Highway
Silver Spring, MD 20910-3282



County Administration - Government Center
411 So. Broadway, P.O. Box 1147, Albert Lea, Minnesota 56007-1147

507/377-5116
Fax 507/377-5109

December 17, 2010

Melanie Kewin, Paralegal
Union Pacific Railroad Company
Law Department
1400 Douglas Street, Stop 1580
Omaha, NE 68179

Dear Melanie:

This correspondence should serve as a follow-up to our earlier conversation which we had today.

Freeborn County would like to formally express an interest in trail development along the following proposed abandonment:

Entire Hartland Subdivision from approximately Milepost 119.65 at Curtis, to the point of connection with the Albert Lea Subdivision, to the end of the Union Pacific ownership at Milepost 107.0 near Hartland, a total distance of 12.65 miles in Freeborn County, Minnesota; STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No.298X)

Please contact me with any questions you may have or further direction to move this process forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John W. Kluever".

John W. Kluever
County Administrator

cc: Colleen K. Graham, Paralegal



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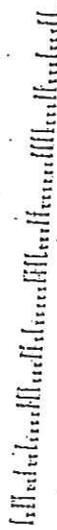
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Thank you for sharing your railroad abandonment environmental report for Hartland, Freeborn County, MINNESOTA.

Approximately 21 geodetic survey marks may be located in the area described.

If marks will be disturbed by the abandonment, [THE RAILROAD] shall consult with the National Geodetic Survey (NGS) at least 90 days prior to beginning salvage activities that will disturb, or destroy any geodetic station

marks are described on the attached file. Additional advice is provided at

<http://geodesy.noaa.gov/marks/railroads/>

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RE: STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 298X)
Union Pacific Railroad to abandon rail segment from Milepost 119.65 at Curtis to Milepost 107.0 near Hartland
Freeborn County
SHPO Number: 2011-0684

Dear Ms. Graham:

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the above project. It has been reviewed pursuant to the responsibilities given the State Historic Preservation Officer by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and the Procedures of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (36CFR800):

We have completed our evaluation of the former Minneapolis & St. Louis Railroad from Merriam Junction to the Iowa County Line. The above referenced segment lies along that line. Based on available information, we conclude that this rail segment is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Therefore we find that **no properties** listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places will be affected by this project.

Please contact our Compliance Section at (651) 259-3455 if you have any questions regarding our review of this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Britta L. Bloomberg'.

Britta L. Bloomberg
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

cc: Andrew Schmidt, Summit EnviroSolutions



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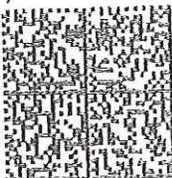
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