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Ms. Cynthia Brown
Chief, Section of Administration, Officer of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
Attn: Docket No. EP 724
395 E Street Southwest
Washington, DC 20423-0111

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RE: Notice of Intent to Participate

Dear Chief Brown:

Pursuant to the Surface Transportation Board (Board) notice that the Board will hold a public hearing on April 10, 2014, Docket No. EP 724, United States Rail Service Issues, South Dakota Farmers Union (SDFU) hereby submits its notice of intent to participate.

SDFU is a nonpartisan, grassroots organization comprised of over 10,000 family farmers and ranchers who believe agriculture and the transportation of its commodities are vital to South Dakota's economy.

We respectfully submit DuWayne Bosse, South Dakota farmer and SDFU Marshall County President, to speak on behalf of SDFU at the hearing.

For additional information please contact SDFU Legislative Director Mike Traxinger at 605-377-4110 or mtraxinger@sdfu.org.

On behalf of SDFU, we appreciate the opportunity to testify before the Board.

Sincerely,

Doug Sombke
President
South Dakota Farmers Union