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Ms. Cynthia Brown
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Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423-0111

Re: Docket No. EP 724, *United States Rail Service Issues* –
Notice of Intent to Participate

Dear Ms. Brown:

The State of South Dakota hereby notifies the Board of its intent to participate in next week's hearing in the above-referenced docket. The State will be represented by the undersigned, Lucas Lentsch, the State's Secretary of Agriculture. I request that I be allotted 7 minutes to make my oral statement to the Board.

Sincerely yours,

Lucas Lentsch