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Re: STB Finance Docket No. 35644, BNSF Railway Company --  
Acquisition and Operation Exemption -- Nebraska  
Northeastern Railway Company

Ms. Brown:

I am the SR Vice President of Agronomy for Central Valley Ag Cooperative located at O'Neill, Nebraska.

Central Valley Ag Cooperative is a supplier of inputs for our owners the farmers of Nebraska. We buy their grain, sell them fertilizer, fuel and other inputs to raise crops. Central Valley Ag Cooperative is served by Nebraska Northeastern Railway Company ("NENE") and will receive over 400 carloads of fertilizer per year.

We understand that BNSF Railway Company ("BNSF") is requesting authority to acquire the NENE rail line. We strongly support BNSF's acquisition because [choose 1 or more]:

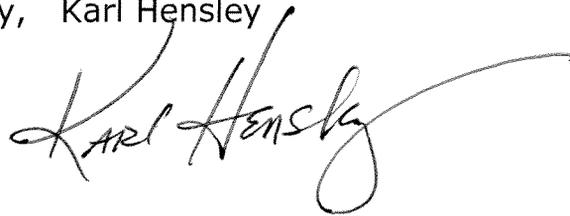
- BNSF's planned improvements to the NENE line will significantly increase train spends.
- The elimination of the current interchange between BNSF and NENE will reduce costs and improve operating efficiencies.
- There will be no adverse competitive consequences or disruption of service, since there is no duplication of service by BNSF and NENE.
- The acquisition of the NENE line by BNSF will provide us expanded service and marketing opportunities.

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- BNSF's ownership of the NENE line will improve service and efficiencies.
- We will be able to take better advantage of BNSF's extensive network for grain and grain products.

In conclusion, we believe that BNSF's acquisition of the line will benefit shippers located on the line and we strongly urge the Surface Transportation Board to approve the acquisition at the earliest possible date. Thank you for your consideration of our position.

Sincerely, Karl Hensley

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