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Ms. Cynthia Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
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Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Re: STB Docket No. EP 724, United States Rail Service Issues

Dear Ms. Brown,

In accordance with the Board's Notice of Public Hearing served April 1st, 2014, we hereby provide notice that South Dakota Wheat Growers Cooperative ("SDWG") intends to participate in the April 10, 2014 hearing in this proceeding.

SDWG is a farmer owned grain and agronomy cooperative with 17,000 equity holders and 600 employees in North and South Dakota. We annually handle over 160 million bushels of grain and 400,000 tons of fertilizer. The vast majority of these volumes are moved by the BNSF and CP railroads. SDWG will be represented at the hearing by Mr. Hal Clemensen, President of the Board of Directors. We would request that the Board afford 5 minutes of time at the hearing.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dale Locken".

Dale Locken
Chief Executive Officer-SDWG