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RE: Canadian Pacific Railway Company, et al Control Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern
Railroad Corp., et al, Finance Docket No. 35081 *Sub No. 2*

Dear STB Members:

Brookings County is located in the I29 corridor in eastern South Dakota. Our community is not only proud of its agricultural heritage but also of its innovative future in agricultural industries. As the Brookings Area Chamber of Commerce we represent nearly 500 local businesses, many of which depend on reliable service from the rail road.

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Many of our members have made considerable investments in their businesses based on those commitments. Those investments are now at risk. Other businesses have suspended additional investment in expansion plans as a result of the CP's recent announcement to sell a portion of the DME line. It is important to our county and our regional economic development that reliable railway service be available to all of SD and beyond to broader markets.

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Sincerely,

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Certificate of Service

I certify that on 9-10-13 the above letter was sent by first class mail to all parties of record. Those parties being: Bentonite Performance Minerals, LLC; Slover & Loftus; Pennington County Commissioners; Brookings County; South Dakota Corn Growers; and South Dakota Wheat Commission.

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