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March 24, 2014

The Honorable Daniel R. Elliott, III
Chairman
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The Honorable Ann D. Begeman
Vice Chairman
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Re: STB Docket No. FD 35799, Rapid City, Pierre & Eastern Railroad, Inc. –
Acquisition and Operation Exemption – Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad
Corporation

Dear Chairman Elliott and Vice Chairman Begeman:

My name is Gary Hendrickson and I am the mayor of Belle Fourche in South Dakota.

Safe and efficient rail freight transportation is very important to Belle Fourche for two main reasons. We rely on rail to transport bentonite from a local plant which employs many in the local area. The rail is equally important to the future of our new Belle Fourche Industrial and Rail Park. Therefore the economic vitality of our region depends heavily on reliable rail service over the former Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern (DM&E) rail line through South Dakota. On January 2, 2014 Canadian Pacific announced the sale of this line to Genesee & Wyoming Inc.

From the information I have reviewed on Genesee & Wyoming everything is very positive. The people I have talked with say this company has a very long history of successfully running short line and regional freight railroads.

I understand that Genesee & Wyoming wants to begin operations, following STB approval, by mid-year, 2014. This is critical. The new operation needs to be in place to ensure our bentonite plant and rail park have no disruptions in rail service.

I respectfully ask for your expedited review and approval of this transaction.

Very truly yours,

Gary Hendrickson
Mayor of Belle Fourche

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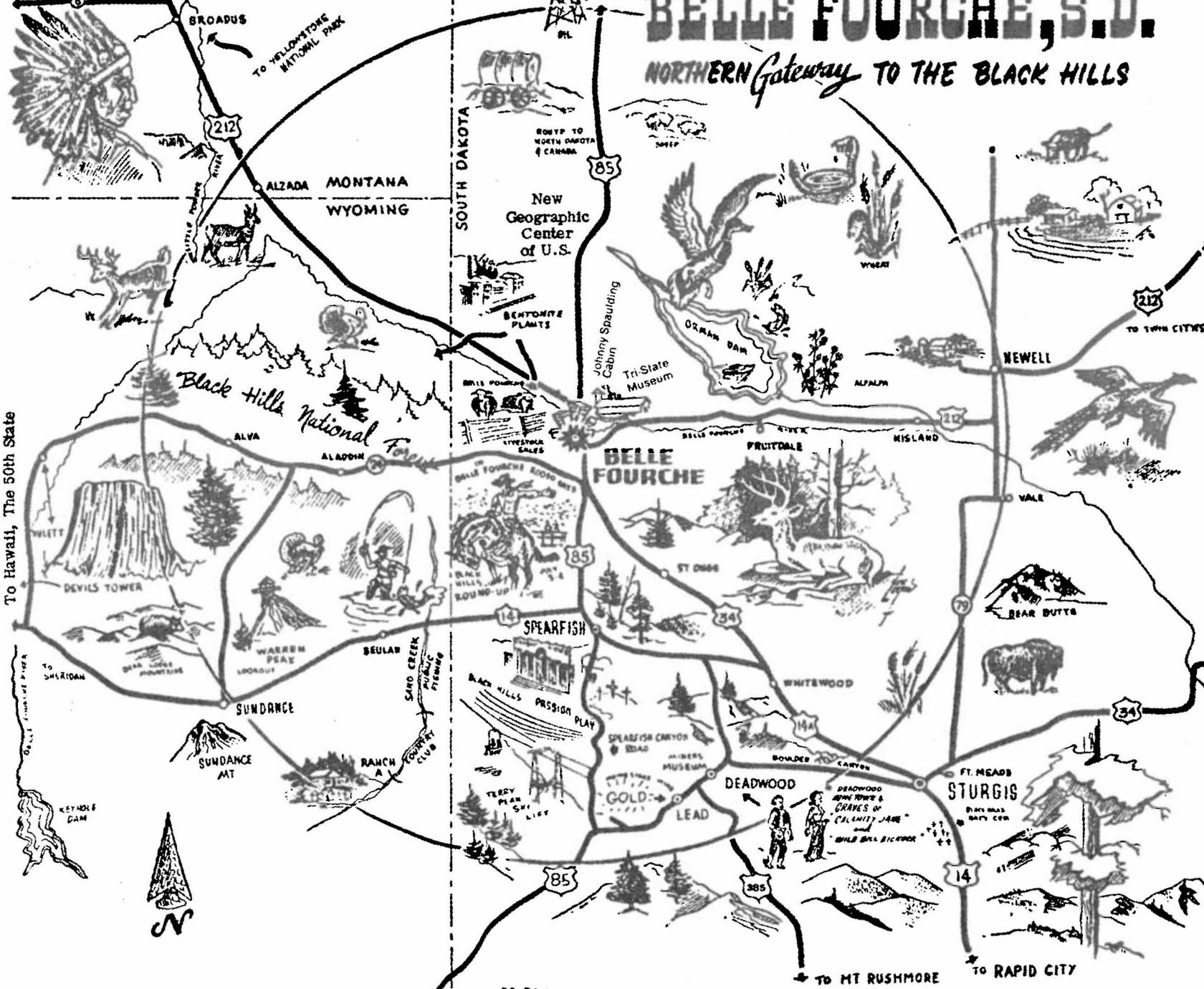
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All Roads Lead to ...

BELLE FOURCHE, S.D.

NORTHERN Gateway TO THE BLACK HILLS

To Hawaii, The 50th State



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