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

Dear STB Members:

I am the owner and operator of a farm/ranch in South Dakota. We produce wheat, sunflowers, corn and beans, which is sold each year to elevators situated along the DM&E railroad line in South Dakota. In order to reach markets at an affordable rate, our crops are shipped via rail which is provided and maintained by the Canadian Pacific Railroad who acquired the DME line back in 1996.

I am writing to you to express my concern over the CP's operation and possible sale or lease of the DME line. If CP is not required to live up to its promises concerning capital investments and safety and service improvements, the DM&E railroad line in South Dakota will become non-competitive. The result would be catastrophic to me, my local community and the State. Not only would it severely overload our rural roads and highways with heavy truck traffic, but it would kill our ability to get a fair and competitive price for commodities which would have to be trucked more than a hundred miles before we could access rail service. While some might say that "these are just the changing times," it is neither acceptable nor fair for the CP to get our support for the purchase of this line by promising to upgrade it to Class III standards and then allow that same line to fall into disrepair and ultimately curtail and effectively terminate service at our expense.

Please accept this letter as an expression of our grave concern over the CP's business tactics and our complete support for the SD DOT's Petition to Enforce Canadian Pacific Railway Company's Investment Representations in the above-captioned matter.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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