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Chairman Daniel R. Elliott III
Surface Transportation Board
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RE: Petition of the State of South Dakota – Finance Docket No. 35081

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Dear Chairman Elliott:

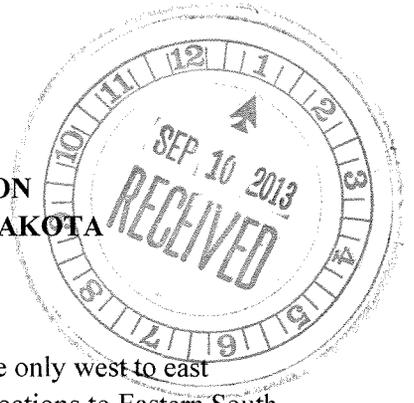
Enclosed, please find a recently adopted resolution by the City of Sturgis in regards to the proposed sale of portions of the Canadian Pacific Railroad. Our region is dependent on this rail line and it forms a cornerstone for several of our leading industries. The line is exceedingly important to the ongoing economic growth and prosperity of our entire region.

If you should have any questions regarding the City's position or dependence upon the rail line please do not hesitate to contact me at (605) 347-4422.

Sincerely yours,

Daniel Ainslie
City Manager
City of Sturgis

RESOLUTION 2013-50
RESOLUTION TO THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION
BOARD OF THE PETITION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
FINANCE DOCKET NO. 35081



WHEREAS, the Canadian Pacific Railroad (CPRR) owns and operates the only west to east statewide railroad service which provides service to the City of Sturgis, with connections to Eastern South Dakota and beyond to the central and eastern United States, especially the major grain markets and commercial manufacturing centers; and

WHEREAS, when the CPRR acquired the DME railroad in South Dakota, it made commitments to expend capital sums to improve the railroad lines; and

WHEREAS, such maintenance is vital to the continuation of rail service to Western South Dakota and the City of Sturgis; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Dennis Dugaard, Governor of the State of South Dakota, has petitioned the Surface Transportation Board to require the CPRR to demonstrate compliance with the commitments which it made for capital improvements and safety compliance on that railroad trackage in South Dakota at the time of the purchase thereof from the Dakota Minnesota and Eastern (DME) Railroad; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sturgis is located on the western edge of the State of South Dakota and is the economic center of Meade County and includes a growing diverse manufacturing base and is a historic center for agriculture; and

WHEREAS, several of the businesses currently located within the City and several of the business prospects attracted to our community depend upon rail services to deliver their materials and products and to receive shipments from outside the State of South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, numerous businesses, both agricultural and commercial, depend upon reliable rail services to serve their needs in the City of Sturgis; and

WHEREAS, the maintenance and improvement of the CPRR line from Sturgis, South Dakota to Tracy, Minnesota is vital to the City and larger community's continued economic prosperity.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City of Sturgis Common Council does hereby adopt, in its entirety, the Petition of the State of South Dakota endorsing the same with the unqualified support to the prayer for relief set forth therein; and

Does direct its Finance Officer to prepare and furnish a certified copy of this Resolution for submission to the Surface Transportation Board of the United States in such proceeding now known as Canadian Pacific Railway Company, et al – Control – Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad Corp, et al, Finance Docket No: 35081.

Adopted this 3rd day of September, 2013.



CITY OF STURGIS COMMON COUNCIL


Mark Carstensen, Mayor

ATTEST:

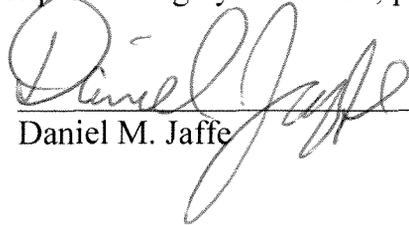

Fay Bueno, City Finance Office

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 10th day of September, 2013, I served copies of the forgoing on all parties of record to this proceeding by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid.



Daniel M. Jaffe