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

Dear STB Members:

I manage the grain department for North Central Farmers Elevator (NCFE). We are a farmer owned cooperative in central South Dakota and in the course of a year ship roughly 70 million bushels of grain. The CP rail line that services our Northville, SD location is integral to our ability to successfully operate that location. Corn and soybeans purchased at that location are predominantly shipped via the CP to processors in eastern South Dakota and Minnesota. On occasion we have also shipped a substantial amount of soybeans to a processing plant in Georgia. The wheat purchased at Northville is all shipped via the CP line to flour mills as far away as New York. The rail line currently operated by the CP is crucial to the continued operation of our Northville facility. With that background I am sure you can appreciate our excitement when the CP took over this line from the DM&E. Promises were made that substantial improvements would be made to the line but unfortunately those promised improvements never came to fruition.

With the CP's announced plans to sell the DME line it would appear that they have no intention of delivering the benefits that they promised the people of South Dakota when this acquisition was made.

With this background we at NCFE strongly urge the Surface Transportation Board's approval of the South Dakota petition which would allow the CP to publicly justify their efforts to seemingly renege on their promise to upgrade the track and improve the quality of service to the STB as well as to the residents of South Dakota who relied in the representations made by the CP when they acquired the line.

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Please accept this letter as an expression of our unqualified support for the state of South Dakota DOT's Petition to enforce Canadian Pacific Railway Company's investment representations in the above-captioned matter.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Craig Haugaard

Cc:

The Hon. Daniel R. Elliot III  
The Hon. Ann D. Begeman  
The Hon. Francis P. Mulvey

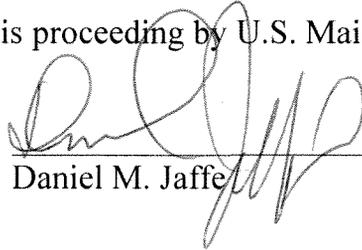
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel M. Jaffe", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is cursive and somewhat stylized.

Daniel M. Jaffe