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Pierre, SD 57501

U.S. Dept. of Defense (SDDCTEA)  
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Bldg. 1990, Room 2E264  
Scott AFB, IL 62225

U.S. Department of Interior  
National Park Service  
Cultural Resources, Rm. 3126  
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U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Chief of the Forest Service  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor N.W., Sidney R. Yates Federal Bldg.  
14<sup>th</sup> Street & Independence Ave., SW  
Washington, DC 20250

Re: STB Docket No. AB-1099X, *Sunflour Railroad, Inc. -- Abandonment Exemption*  
*-- in Roberts and Marshall Counties, SD*

Dear Agency or Department Representative:

In the near future, there will be filed at the Surface Transportation Board a Notice of Exemption as captioned above. The Notice will be for a class exemption for abandonment of a segment of the rail line of Sunflour Railroad, Inc. (SRI) extending between Milepost 228.2 located at the east property line of 454<sup>th</sup> Street approximately one mile west of Claire City and Milepost 236.3 which is the end of the line located at Washington Avenue in Veblen, a distance of approximately 8.1 miles in Roberts and Marshall Counties, South Dakota. That segment of rail line traverses USPS Zip Code 57270 (Veblen). The segment qualifies for a class exemption of abandonment because no rail traffic has been transported over it for at least two years. (There has been no such traffic for more than 13 years).

This notice is being sent to you pursuant to the requirement of 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50(d).

There is nothing in SRI's possession that indicates that the segment of rail line contains federally granted right-of-way. If SRI were to locate documentation that shows such federally granted right-of-way, such documentation would be made available promptly to those requesting it.

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You may direct any questions about the proposed abandonment to the undersigned as representative of SRI.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom McFarland". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Thomas F. McFarland  
*Attorney for Sunflour Railroad, Inc.*

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cc: Surface Transportation Board, Environmental Section  
Mr. Tom Mars