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The Honorable Tom Emmer
United States House of Representatives
503 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Emmer:

Thank you for your letter dated July 29, 2016, regarding *Northern Lines Railway Company, LLC—Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in Stearns and Benton Counties, Minn.* (Docket No. AB 1011 (Sub-No. 3X)). I appreciate your interest in this matter.

Because this proceeding is pending before the agency, I cannot directly respond to the issues raised in your letter. However, please be advised that the Surface Transportation Board will issue a final decision no later than October 19, 2016, as stated in the Board's Federal Register notice in this proceeding. A copy of your correspondence will be placed in the docket for this proceeding.

If you have any further questions or comments, please contact Lucille L. Marvin, Director of the Board's Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance, at 202-245-0238.

Sincerely,

Daniel R. Elliott III
Chairman