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VIA OVERNIGHT MAIL

Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary of the Board
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

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Re: STB No. AB-101 (Sub-No. 15X)
Duluth, Missabe and Iron Range Railway Company's Exempt Abandonment of
the Virginia Branch in St. Louis County, Minnesota

Dear Secretary Williams:

Enclosed for filing is an original and ten (10) copies of the Duluth, Missabe and Iron Range Railway Company's Notice of Consummation of Abandonment.

Please acknowledge receipt by date-stamping the enclosed copy of this letter and returning it in the self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at the above number.

Very truly yours,

Thomas R. Ogoreuc

Counsel for
Duluth, Missabe and Iron Range
Railway Company

Enclosures

BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD



STB No. AB-101 (Sub-No. 15X)

DULUTH, MISSABE AND IRON RANGE RAILWAY COMPANY
ABANDONMENT AND DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE OVER THE VIRGINIA
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NOTICE OF CONSUMMATION OF ABANDONMENT

In accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29(e)(2) and the abandonment authority granted by the Surface Transportation Board in its decision dated March 6, 2002, the Duluth, Missabe and Iron Range Railway Company ("DM&IR") hereby gives notice that it has consummated and fully exercised the abandonment authority to abandon and discontinue rail service over its line of railroad known as the Virginia Branch, a 0.63 mile line of railroad, extending from milepost B5.5 to milepost B6.1, in St. Louis County, Minnesota, as of November 21, 2002.

The DM&IR has discontinued operations and salvaged the track associated with the Virginia Branch. Furthermore, there are no outstanding legal or regulatory barriers to consummation.

Respectfully Submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Thomas R. Ogoreuc, Counsel for the Duluth, Missabe and Iron Range Railway Company, do hereby certify that on this 21st day of November, 2002, pursuant to and in accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29(e)(2), a copy of the Duluth, Missabe and Iron Range Railway Company's Notice of Consummation of Abandonment was served upon the following parties of interest via first class mail, postage prepaid:

1. Mr. Vernon A. Williams
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2. MN Public Utilities Commission
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