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The Honorable Vernon A. Williams
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Re: Finance Docket No. 34424, Canadian National Railway Company,
et al. -- Control -- Duluth, Missabe and Iron Range Railway
Company, *et al.*

Dear Secretary Williams:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced proceeding, please find an original and twenty (20) copies of the Notice of Intent to Participate of Minnesota Power, Inc. (designated "MP-1"). Also enclosed is a diskette containing an electronic version of this filing (in Wordperfect 9.0).

We have enclosed an additional copy of the filing. Kindly indicate receipt and filing by time-stamping this copy and returning it with our messenger.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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BEFORE THE
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Canadian National Railway Company)
and Grand Trunk Corporation --)
Control -- Duluth, Missabe and Iron)
Range Railway Company, Bessemer and) Finance Docket No. 34424
Lake Erie Railroad Company, and The)
Pittsburgh & Conneaut Dock Company)

**MINNESOTA POWER, INC.
NOTICE OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE**

Minnesota Power, Inc. ("Minnesota Power") hereby notifies the Board of its intent to participate in this proceeding as a party of record. Minnesota Power also requests that one of its counsel be included in the service list in this proceeding, as follows:

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In accordance with 49 C.F.R. §1180.4(a)(2), Minnesota Power selects the acronym "MP" for identifying all filings it submits in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of Minnesota Power, Inc.'s Notice of Intent to Participate were served this 18th day of December, 2003, by first-class mail, postage pre-paid, upon:

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