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By electronic mail

Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Case Control Unit, Suite 713
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: STB Ex Parte No. 647, *Class Exemption for Expedited Abandonment Procedure for Class II and Class III Railroads*

Dear Mr. Williams:

Pursuant to the Board's decision in the above proceeding served January 19, 2006, notice of intent to participate in the proceeding is hereby provided in behalf of the following Class III rail carriers:

Albany & Eastern Railroad Company
Dakota Northern Railroad, Inc.
Denver Rock Island Railroad Company
Heart of Georgia Railroad, Inc.
Iowa Traction Railroad Company
Minnesota Northern Railroad, Inc.
Mississippi Tennessee Railroad, LLC
Progressive Rail Incorporated
Rio Valley Switching Company
Southern Switching Company
St. Croix Valley Railroad Company
Winamac Southern Railroad Company

Very truly yours,



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Greg Cundiff - Ironhorse Resources
Dave Fellon - Progressive Rail Incorporated
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