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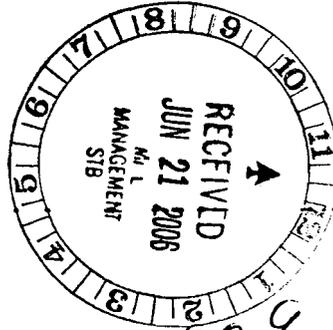


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Hon. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Re: STB Finance Docket No. 34177, Iowa, Chicago & Eastern Railroad Corporation – Acquisition and Operation Exemption, et al;

STB Finance Docket No. 34178, Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad Corporation, et al.

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Dear Mr. Williams:

The purpose of this letter is to withdraw the filing made by the City of Owatonna in the above-captioned proceeding on June 1, 2006 based upon further discussion had between the City of Owatonna and the DM&E, Petitioner.

Further, this letter confirms the City's support of the project as more fully set forth in the City's Partnership Agreement dated March 10, 2000.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

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