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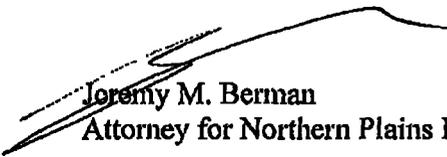
Re: **Docket No. AB-1054X**
Northern Plains Railroad, Inc.--Discontinuance of Service Exemption--
In Ramsey and Benson Counties, North Dakota

Dear Chief Brown:

By notice of exemption served in the above-captioned proceeding on December 28, 2009, Northern Plains Railroad, Inc. ("NPR") was authorized to discontinue service on a line of railroad owned by Soo Line Railroad Company d/b/a Canadian Pacific Railway extending from milepost 446.0, in Devils Lake, North Dakota to milepost 472.24 in Harlow, Benson County, North Dakota, a distance of 26.24 miles. NPR's discontinuance exemption became effective on January 27, 2010.

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. §§ 1152.29(e)(2) and 1152.50(e), NPR hereby provides notice that it exercised the authority granted herein and consummated its discontinuance of service on the subject line of railroad on January 27, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,


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-Enclosures