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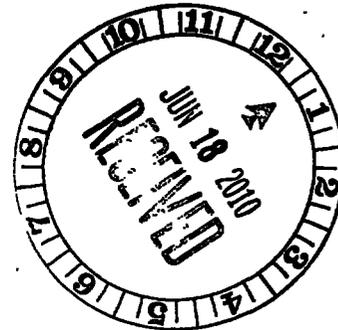
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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W., Room 1034
Washington, DC 20024

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Re: **Finance Docket No. ~~35381~~ 35382**
Northern Plains Railroad, Inc. – Lease Renewal
Exemption – Soo Line Railroad Company

Dear Chief Brown:

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1150.42(e), Northern Plains Railroad, Inc. ("NPR") hereby certifies that on June 8, 2010 (in the case of Fordville) and June 9, 2010 (in the case of the other locations), the attached Notice was posted at the following workplaces of NPR employees on the rail lines in Minnesota and North Dakota (the "Wheat Lines") that are the subject of the above-captioned exemption proceeding.

Duluth, Minnesota
Fordville, North Dakota
Lansford, North Dakota
Warren, Minnesota

NPR also certifies that on June 17, 2010, the attached Notice was posted at the following workplaces of Soo Line Railroad Company d/b/a Canadian Pacific ("Soo") employees whose territory includes the Wheat Lines:

Harvey, North Dakota
Kenmare, North Dakota
Minot, North Dakota
Portal, North Dakota

NPR further certifies that on June 17, 2010, the attached Notice was served by first class mail, postage prepaid, on the national offices of the labor unions representing Soo employees whose territory includes the Wheat Lines, at the following addresses:

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Mr. Paul T. Sorrow
National President
Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen
1370 Ontario Street, Mezzanine
Cleveland, OH 44113

Mr. Freddie N. Simpson
President
Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees, IBT
20300 Civic Center Drive, Suite 320
Southfield, MI 48076-4169

Mr. Malcolm B. Futhey, Jr.
International President
United Transportation Union
24950 Country Club Boulevard, Suite 340
North Olmsted, OH 44070-5333

Mr. W. Dan Pickett
International President
Brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen
917 Shenandoah Shores Road
Front Royal, VA 22630-6418

There are no labor unions that represent employees of NPR.

Ten copies of this letter, with attachment, are enclosed for filing at the Board. One extra copy also is enclosed, and I would request that you date-stamp that copy to show receipt of this filing and return it to me in the provided envelope. If you have any questions regarding this filing, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attorney for Northern Plains
Railroad, Inc.

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Attachment

NORTHERN PLAINS RAILROAD, INC.
100 Railroad Avenue
P.O. Box 38
Fordville, ND 58231

NOTICE

Pursuant to regulations of the Surface Transportation Board ("STB") at 49 C.F.R. § 1150.42(e), Northern Plains Railroad, Inc. ("NPR"), a Class III rail carrier, hereby gives notice to employees of NPR and Soo Line Railroad Company, d/b/a Canadian Pacific Railway ("Soo") that on or about September 1, 2010, NPR intends to renew its existing lease of Soo's lines of railroad (the "Wheat Lines") extending: (a) from milepost 309.69 at Thief River Falls, Minnesota to milepost 474.5 at Bisbee, North Dakota; (b) from milepost 390.99 at Fordville, North Dakota to milepost 445.50 at Devils Lake, North Dakota; and (c) from milepost 535.00 at Kramer, North Dakota to milepost 605.99 at Kenmare, North Dakota, a total distance of approximately 290.31 miles. NPR also will lease certain previously-abandoned, exempt trackage at Bisbee and Kramer from Soo. NPR has provided all rail service on the Wheat Lines since its initial lease of the lines in 1997.

A notice of exemption to authorize the proposed lease renewal transaction will be filed with the Surface Transportation Board on or about July 1, 2010 in Finance Docket No. 35382.

NPR does not expect to hire any additional employees as a result of its renewal of the Wheat Lines lease with Soo. Employees desiring further information regarding the transaction may contact Cheryl Harlow, NPR Manager - Personnel and Administration, at (701) 229-3330.