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The Honorable Debra Miller, Acting Chairman
United States Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
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The Honorable Ann D. Begeman, Vice Chairman
United States Surface Transportation Board
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Re: *STB Docket No. EP 724-3 - United States Rail Service Issues- Data Collection*

Dear Chairman Miller, and Vice Chairman Begeman:

I am writing to provide comment on the service data that we are filing contemporaneous herewith in response to the Board's data collection order of October 8, 2014.

Our US network is in good operating condition. Train speed and terminal dwell continue to improve, and grain loadings remain steady.

With respect to the Rapid City, Pierre & Eastern Railroad (RCP&E), locomotives are in overall balance this reporting week, understanding that the number varies from day to day. Fulfillment of RCP&E grain car requests continues to improve, this week reaching 294 of 300 requests.

We remain committed to working with shippers, facilities and other railroads to meet our customers' needs.

Sincerely,

Robert Johnson
Senior Vice President Operations