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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 E. Boulevard, Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

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

Dear Sir/Madam:

This is to inform you that pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50 (Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuance of Service and Trackage Rights), Northern Plains Railroad, Inc. shall on or after December 4, 2009, file a Notice of Exemption with the Surface Transportation Board for approval to discontinue service on a 26.24 mile line of railroad between milepost 446.0, in Devils Lake, Ramsey County, North Dakota and milepost 472.24 in Harlow, Benson County, North Dakota. Such line runs through U.S. Postal Zip Codes 58301, 58362, 58325, 58351 and 58346. A map of the line is enclosed.

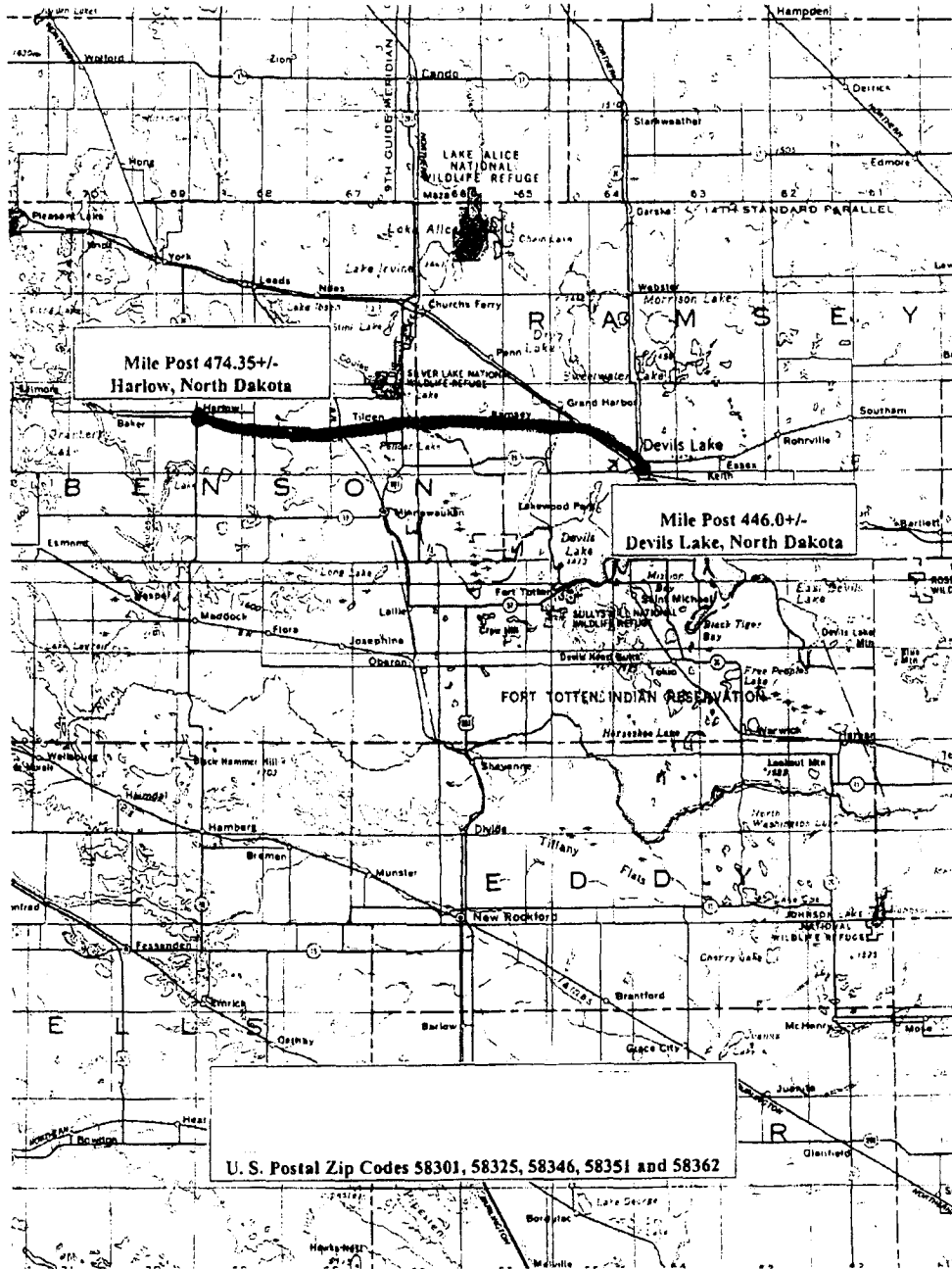
The exemption procedures set forth in § 1152.50 are being used in this case because no local traffic has moved over this line for at least two years and there is no overhead traffic that would have to be rerouted over other lines. Should you have any questions or need additional information regarding this proposed discontinuance feel free to contact me at 312-252-1510.

Very truly yours,



Jeremy M. Berman
Northern Plains Railroad, Inc.

Encl.



Mile Post 474.35+/-
Harlow, North Dakota

Mile Post 446.0+/-
Devils Lake, North Dakota

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