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December 1, 2009

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Re: Case No. RR-09-719  
Northern Plains Railroad, Inc.  
Ramsey and Benson Counties – 26.24 miles  
Rail Abandonment

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Benson County Commissioners  
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Richard M. Peterson  
Benson County Farmers Press  
PO Box 98  
Minnewaukan, ND 58351

Re: Case No. RR-09-719  
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Louise Oleson  
Devils Lake Journal  
PO Box 1200  
516 4th Street NE  
Devils Lake, ND 58301-1200

Re: Case No. RR-09-719  
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Judge of the District Court  
524 4th Ave. NE  
Unit 4  
Devils Lake, ND 58301

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Richard Kurtz  
Lake Region Grain  
P.O. Box 782  
Devils Lake, ND 58301

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David Sears  
Harlow Co-op Elevator & Seed Co.  
216 Harlow Street  
Harlow, ND 58346

Re: Case No. RR-09-719  
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The Honorable John McClintock Jr.  
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P.O. Box 387  
Rugby, ND 58368

Re: Case No. RR-09-718  
Northern Plains Railroad, Inc.  
Bottineau, Rolette, and Towner Counties – 60.5 miles  
Rail Abandonment

Dear Judge McClintock,

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ND Mill and Elevator  
1823 Mill Road  
Grand Forks, ND 58203

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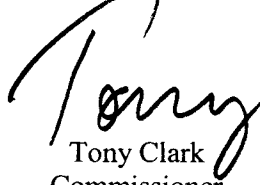
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North Dakota Grain Dealers Association  
118 Broadway N Ste 606  
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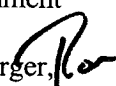
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Chief of Staff, Governor's Office  
State of North Dakota  
600 East Boulevard Avenue  
Bismarck, North Dakota 58505-0001

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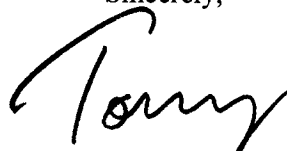
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ND House Transportation Committee  
4620 46th Ave. NW  
Minot, ND 58703

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PO Box 2136  
Jamestown ND 58401

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Nick Kitsch, Treasurer  
North Dakota Dry Bean Council  
6573 83 Ave NE  
Webster, ND 58382

Re: Case No. RR-09-719  
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Mr. Neal Fisher  
North Dakota Wheat Commission  
4023 State Street  
Bismarck, ND 58501-0690

Re: Case No. RR-09-719  
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Mr. Merl Paaverud, Director  
State Historical Society  
ND Heritage Center  
612 E. Boulevard Ave  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0830

Re: Case No. RR-09-719  
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National Sunflower Association  
4023 State Street  
Bismarck, ND 58503-0690

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United States Senate  
530 Hart Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

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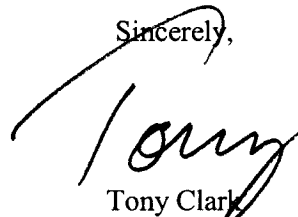
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ND Land Department  
1707 North 9th Street  
PO Box 5523  
Bismarck, ND 58506-5523

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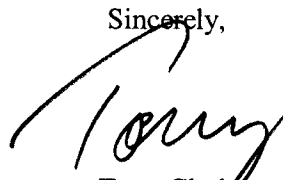
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Mr. Doug Prchal  
ND Parks & Recreation Department  
1600 E. Century Ave., Suite 3  
Bismarck, ND 58503

Re: Case No. RR-09-719  
Northern Plains Railroad, Inc.  
Ramsey and Benson Counties – 26.24 miles  
Rail Abandonment

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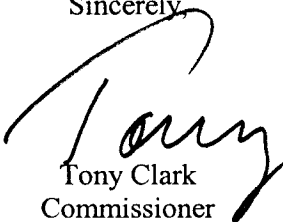
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The Honorable Doug Goehring, Commissioner  
North Dakota Department of Agriculture  
600 E Boulevard Ave. Dept. 602  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0020

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Mr. Doug Erhart  
Brotherhood of Maintenance Way Employees  
1203 27th St, NW  
Mandan, ND 58554

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2000 Schafer Street  
Box 2639  
Bismarck, ND 58502

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Clifford Issendorf  
Bottineau County Water Resource Board  
641 88th Street NW  
Newberg, ND 58762

Re: Case No. RR-09-719  
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Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen  
211 Oehlke Ave.  
Enderlin, ND 58027-1132

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Bismarck, ND 58503

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608 East Boulevard Avenue  
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