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APPROVAL OF LOCAL RAIL FREIGHT ASSISTANCE (LRFA) APPLICATION

This is a request for the approval of the Public Service Commission (PSC) in submitting an application for federal Local Rail Freight Assistance (LRFA) project funds. The funds, made available under the Railroad Revitalization and Regulatory Reform Act of 1976, are administered by the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT), with the approval of the PSC. (See NDCC 49-17.1-02)

The approval of the PSC, in the form of a letter to the Federal Railroad Administrator, should reference the Kenmare – Tolley rail rehabilitation project on the Northern Plains Railroad's Bisbee Subdivision, which is discussed in the attachment.

Thank you for your continued interest and support in this program. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Bob Johnston at 328-2675.

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Request for Approval of LRFA Funds

Public Service Commission

**LOCAL RAIL FREIGHT ASSISTANCE (LRFA)
Project Applications
2008**

Northern Plains Railroad, Kenmare to Tolley Rail Replacement Project

The Kenmare to Tolley line is the west end of the Bisbee Subdivision of the Northern Plains Railroad system. There is a projected increase in train traffic and high capacity cars on the line. Track conditions suggest that rehabilitation is necessary for the line to handle future traffic levels.

Project Type:	Replacement of lighter jointed rail with heavier welded rail. Project will be spread over a two year period.	
Cost Estimate:	Project Total	\$2,969,272
	Non-Federal Participation 30%	\$890,782
	LRFA Participation 70%	\$2,078,490
Length	15.2 miles	

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