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December 1, 2009

The Honorable Michael Sturdevant
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Re: Case No. RR-09-718
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Towner County Record-Herald
PO Box 519
Cando, ND 58324

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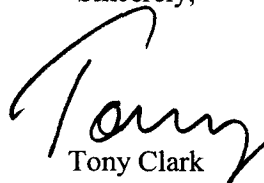
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Bottineau Courant
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Bottineau, ND 58318

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

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North Dakota Barley Council
505 40th St. SW
Fargo, ND 58103

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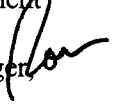
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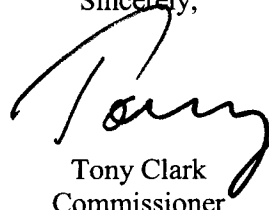
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Re: Case No. RR-09-718
Northern Plains Railroad, Inc.
Bottineau, Rolette, and Towner Counties – 60.5 miles
Rail Abandonment

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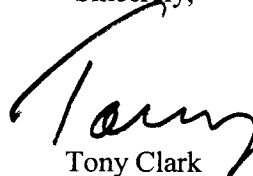
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ND Heritage Center
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Bismarck, ND 58505-0830

Re: Case No. RR-09-718
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United States Senate
530 Hart Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

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Bismarck, ND 58504-7009

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ND Land Department
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PO Box 5523
Bismarck, ND 58506-5523

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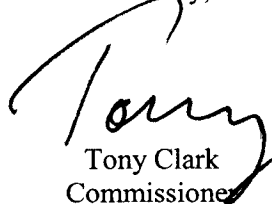
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1501 Longworth House Office Building
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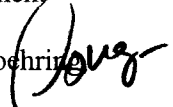
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North Dakota Department of Agriculture
600 E Boulevard Ave. Dept. 602
Bismarck, ND 58505-0020

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Brotherhood of Maintenance Way Employees
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Mandan, ND 58554

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Box 2639
Bismarck, ND 58502

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Clifford Issendorf
Bottineau County Water Resource Board
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Newberg, ND 58762

Re: Case No. RR-09-718
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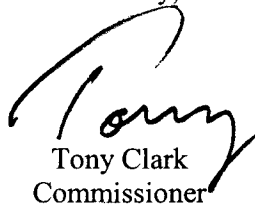
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United States Senate
322 Hart Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

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Mr. Brian Kramer
ND Farm Bureau
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Bismarck, ND 58503

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Mr. Bob Johnston
Planning Division Department of Transportation
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