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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Honorable Anne Quinlan
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW
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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Re: *Soo Line Railroad Company -- Abandonment Exemption -- In Bottineau, Rolette, and Towner Counties, North Dakota, STB Docket No. AB-57 (Sub-No. 56X) Notice of Consummation*

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

Pursuant to the Board's decision dated October 6, 2008, Soo Line Railroad Company has consulted with the Saint Paul District Office of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and coordinated with the North Dakota Department of Health, Environmental Health Section concerning appropriate measures during salvage operations. All regulatory barriers were satisfied on January 27, 2010 when Northern Plains Railroad, Inc. filed a consummation notice of its discontinuance of service pursuant to the Board's notice of exemption served on December 28, 2009 in STB Docket No. AB-1054 (Sub-No. 1X). Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. §§ 1152.29(e)(2) and 1150.50(e), Soo Line provides notice that it has consummated its abandonment of the 61 +/- mile portion of line between Milepost 535 +/- (in Kramer) and Milepost 474.5 +/- (in Bisbee) as of February 15, 2010.

Very truly yours,

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Notice of Consummation of Abandonment

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