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Paul Skarnagel
Hunter Grain Company
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Hunter, ND 58048

Re: Case No. RR-11-665
STB Docket No. AB-478X
BNSF Railway Company
Cass County – 7.4 miles
Rail Abandonment

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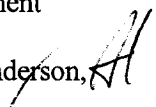
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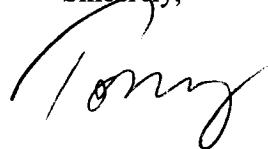
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Ms. Canan Bilen-Green
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Fargo, ND 58105

Re: Case No. RR-11-665
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North Dakota Grain Dealers Association
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Fargo, ND 58102-4985

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Mr. Ron Rauschenberger
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State of North Dakota
600 East Boulevard Avenue
Bismarck, North Dakota 58505-0001

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608 East Boulevard Avenue
Bismarck, ND 58505-0700

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

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

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North Dakota Dry Bean Council
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Webster, ND 58382

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Greater North Dakota Association
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Bismarck, ND 58502

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ND House Transportation Committee
4620 46th Ave. NW
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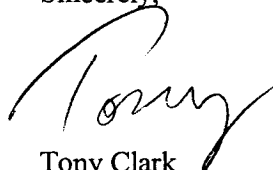

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Cass County Commissioner
P.O. Box 2806
Fargo, ND 58108-2806

Re: Case No. RR-11-665
STB Docket No. AB-478X
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Cass County – 7.4 miles
Rail Abandonment

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The Honorable Vern Bennett
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The Honorable Darrell Vanyo
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The Honorable Robyn Sorum
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Keith Berndt
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Cass County Reporter
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Galesburg Cooperative Elevator Company
105 Dakota Ave.
Galesburg, ND 58035

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Fargo, ND 58102

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Arthur Companies, Inc.
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Arthur, ND 58006

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The Honorable John Hoeven
United States Senate
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ND Land Department
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Bismarck, ND 58506-5523

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Mr. Merl Paaverud, Director
State Historical Society
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Re: Case No. RR-11-665
STB Docket No. AB-478X
BNSF Railway Company
Cass County – 7.4 miles
Rail Abandonment

Dear Mr. Paaverud,

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Sincerely,

Tony Clark
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The Honorable Doug Goehring, Commissioner
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