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Darrell Nitschke, Executive Secretary  
ND Public Service Commission  
State Capitol  
600 E. Boulevard, Dept. 408  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Cargill Inc. of Wahpeton, ND hereby applies for a variance from rail clearance standards as prescribed by Section 49-10.1-13 of the North Dakota Century Code. This variance request involves improvements to our rail track with respect to our overhead walkway. The rail was raised slightly during track improvements and as result there is 16'10" between the top of the rails and bottom of the overhead walkway.

A layout of the modifications to our refinery load out north track is enclosed. "Close Clearance" signs are already posted on each side of the walkway.

The structure will not create a safety hazard to our employees or to the employees of the Red River Valley & Western Railroad. Your favorable review will be appreciated.

If you have any questions regarding this submission, please feel free to contact me at (701) 671-1908. My email address is [anne\\_stav@cargill.com](mailto:anne_stav@cargill.com).

Sincerely,

Anne Stav, Refinery Process Engineer  
Cargill Corn Milling

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Dear Darrell:

Cargill at Wahpeton, ND has requested a variance from rail overhead clearance standards for their refinery loadout north track overhead walkway as prescribed by ND Century Code Section 49.101.1-13. Some track improvements were recently made resulting in a slight raise in the track. The overhead walkway measures 16'10" from top of rail to the catwalk.

This structure is used for loading railcars and is used primarily by Cargill employees. Our employees are not allowed to ride the top of railcars.

The Red River Valley & Western Railroad supports this request.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (218) 643-4994. Thanks again for your help!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cynthia Olson".

Cynthia Olson  
Manager-Operations/Administration

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# Cargill Wahpeton Refinery Load Out

## North Track Layout

