

DULUTH *MISSABE* AND IRON RANGE RAILWAY COMPANY

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August 22, 2003

VIA OVERNIGHT MAIL

Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary of the Board
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

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Re: STB No. AB-101 (Sub-No. 17X)
Duluth, Missabe and Iron Range Railway Company's Abandonment of the Sliver
Branch in St. Louis County, Minnesota

Dear Secretary Williams:

Enclosed for filing are an original and ten (10) copies of the Duluth, Missabe and Iron Range Railway Company's Notice of Consummation of Abandonment.

Please acknowledge receipt by date-stamping the enclosed copy of this letter and returning it in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at the above number.

Very truly yours,


A. Bradley Cramer, Jr., Esq.

Counsel for
Duluth, Missabe and Iron Range
Railway Company

Enclosures

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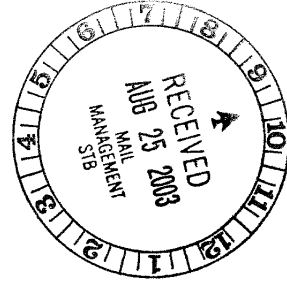
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ABANDONMENT OF SLIVER BRANCH IN ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MINNESOTA

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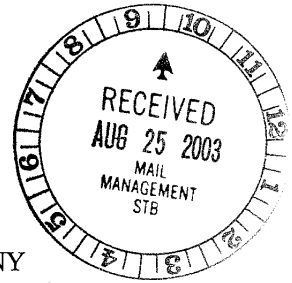
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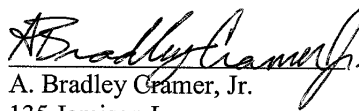


NOTICE OF CONSUMMATION OF ABANDONMENT

In accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29(e)(2) and the abandonment authority granted by the Surface Transportation Board in its decision dated August 23, 2002, the Duluth, Missabe and Iron Range Railway Company ("DM&IR") hereby gives notice that it has consummated and fully exercised the abandonment authority to abandon and discontinue rail service over a 2-mile portion of the line known as the Sliver Branch, between milepost S-0.0 to milepost S-2.0, in the City of Virginia, St. Louis County, Minnesota, as of August 23, 2003.

The DM&IR has discontinued operations and salvaged the track associated with the Sliver Branch. Furthermore, there are no outstanding legal or regulatory barriers to consummation.

Respectfully Submitted,



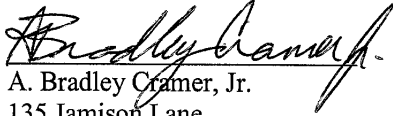
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, A. Bradley Cramer, Jr., Counsel for the Duluth, Missabe and Iron Range Railway Company, do hereby certify that on this 22nd day of August, 2003, pursuant to and in accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29(e)(2), a copy of the Duluth, Missabe and Iron Range Railway Company's Notice of Consummation of Abandonment was served upon the following parties of interest via first class mail, postage prepaid:

1. Honorable Vernon A. Williams
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Surface Transportation Board
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Washington, DC 20423-0001
2. MN Public Utilities Commission
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