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The Honorable Vernon A. Williams
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**RE: Finance Docket No. 34780
Northern Plains Railroad, Inc. - Operation Exemption - A Line of Railroad of Mohall
Central Railroad, Inc.
Our File No. TBD**

Dear Secretary Williams:

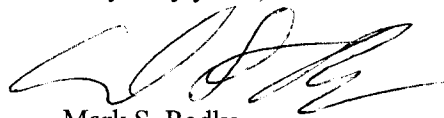
Enclosed for filing in the above captioned docket are:

1. An original Notice of Exemption with caption summary and supporting information;
2. Ten copies of the Notice and Caption Summary;
3. A diskette formatted for Word containing the previously described information; and
4. A Northern Plains Railroad, Inc. check in the amount of \$1,500 payable to the Surface Transportation Board in payment of the filing fee.

An additional copy of this letter and of the Notice of Exemption are enclosed for you to stamp to acknowledge your receipt of these documents and to return to the undersigned in the enclosed, stamped return envelope. If there are any questions concerning this filing, please contact me at (612) 339-6321. Thank you.

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Very truly yours,


Mark S. Radke

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Enclosures

cc: Gregg Haug, Northern Plains Railroad, Inc.

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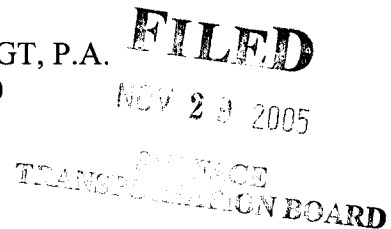
NORTHERN PLAINS RAILROAD, INC.
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A LINE OF RAILROAD OF MOHALL CENTRAL RAILROAD, INC.

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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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**NORTHERN PLAINS RAILROAD, INC.
-- OPERATION EXEMPTION --
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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Northern Plains Railroad, Inc. has filed a Notice of Exemption to operate the Mohall Central Railroad, Inc. line between Sarles, ND (MP 72.9) and a point near Lakota, ND (MP 3.75). Comments must be filed with the Board and served upon Mark S. Radke, FELHABER, LARSON, FENLON & VOGT, P.A., Attorney for Applicant, at 220 South Sixth Street, Suite 2200, Minneapolis, MN 55402.

This Notice is filed under Title 49 C.F.R. Sec. 1150.41. If the Notice contains false or misleading information, the Exemption is void *ab initio*. The filing of a Petition to revoke will not automatically stay the transaction.

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**NORTHERN PLAINS RAILROAD, INC.
-- OPERATION EXEMPTION --
A LINE OF RAILROAD OF MOHALL CENTRAL RAILROAD, INC.**

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Northern Plains Railroad, Inc., ("NPR") a North Dakota corporation and a Class III rail carrier, hereby files this Verified Notice of Exemption pursuant to Title 49 U.S.C. Section 10902, and Title 49 C.F.R. Section 1150.41 et. seq. and states as follows:

49 C.F.R. SECTION 1150.43

INFORMATION TO BE CONTAINED IN NOTICE FOR SMALL LINE ACQUISITIONS

(a) Name and Address of Rail Carrier Applicant:

Gregg Haug, President
Northern Plains Railroad, Inc.
100 Railroad Avenue
Fordville, ND 58231
Phone (701) 229-3330
Fax: (701) 229-3365

Northern Plains Railroad, Inc. is a Class III common carrier by railroad.

(b) Applicant's Representative:

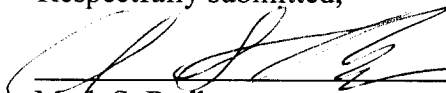
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- (c) Status of Agreement:
An operating agreement will be executed between NPR and Mohall Central Railroad, Inc. ("MHC"), a North Dakota corporation and a Class III rail carrier, for operation of a line of railroad owned by MHC, prior to NPR commencing operations.
- (d) The Operator of the Property:
NPR will be the operator of the line to be acquired. MHC will enter into an operating agreement with NPR for operation of the line. The lines of railroad operated by NPR and the line now owned by MHC already intersect at two locations, near Munich, ND and Brocket, ND.
- (e) Summary of Proposed Transaction:
- (1) Transferring Railroad.
The present owner of the line to be operated is Mohall Central Railroad, Inc., a North Dakota corporation, 100 Railroad Avenue, Fordville, ND 58231. The line to be operated was recently acquired from BNSF Railway Company, pursuant to a Notice of Exemption filed in F.D. No. 34759, Mohall Central Railroad, Inc., - - Acquisition and Operation Exemption - - A Line of Railroad of BNSF Railway Co. Another related proceeding is F.D. No. 34781 - - Mohall Central Railroad, Inc. and Gregg Haug - - Continuance in Control Exemption.
- (2) Time Schedule for Consummation.
An operating agreement will be executed and operations commenced when all necessary Notices of Exemption have become effective.
- (3) Mileposts of the Property Being Operated.
The line being operated extends from milepost 3.75 near Lakota, ND, north to the end of track at milepost 72.9 at Sarles, ND.
- (4) Total Route Miles Being Operated.
The total route miles to be operated are 69.15.
- (f) Map of Area Being Served:
See attached Exhibit A.
- (g) Certificate of Projected Revenues:
The projected annual revenues of Northern Plains Railroad, Inc. including the proposed operation will not exceed those of a Class III railroad.

See also Exhibit B.

Dated: November 28, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Mark S. Radke', is written over a horizontal line.

Mark S. Radke

Applicant's Representative

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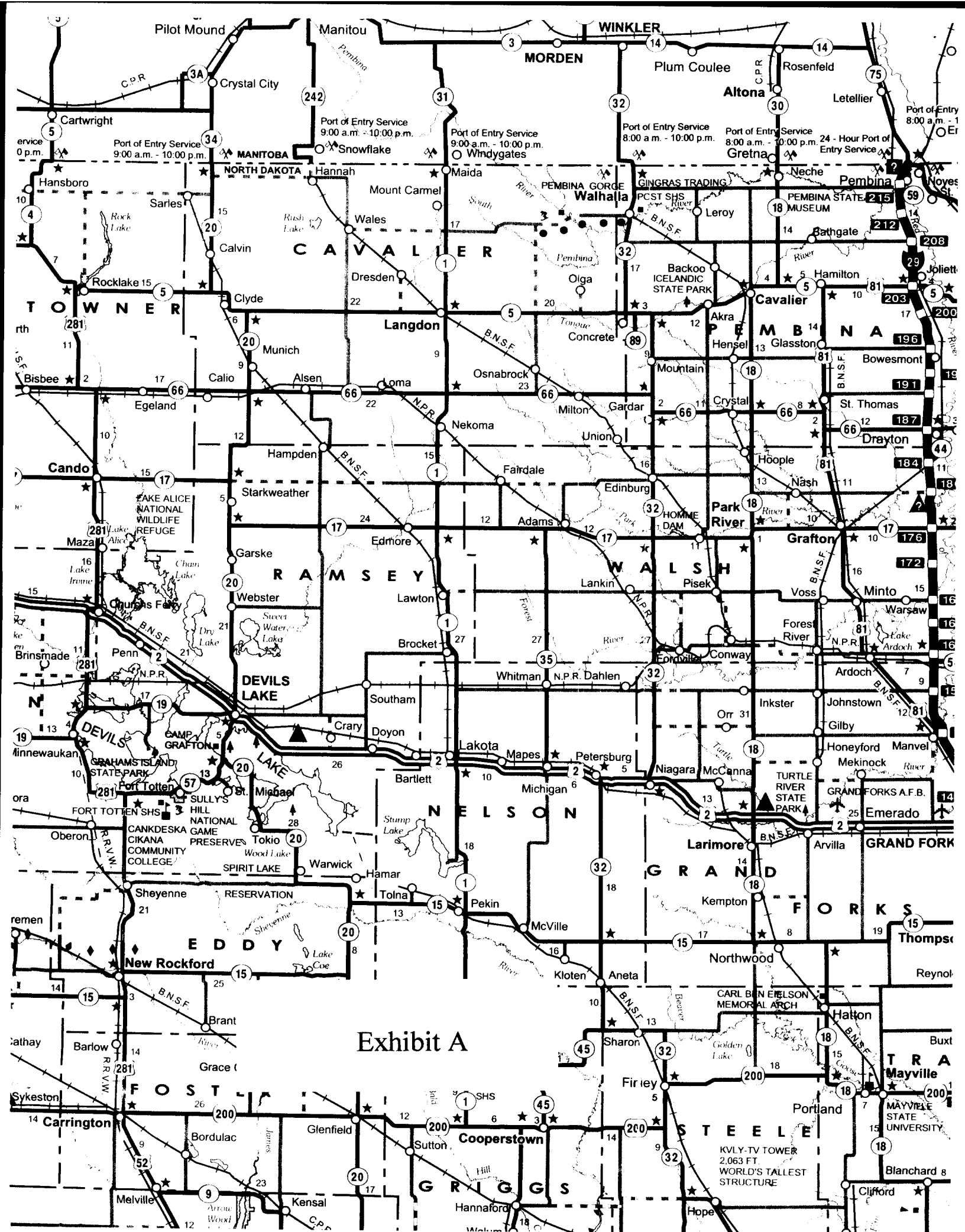
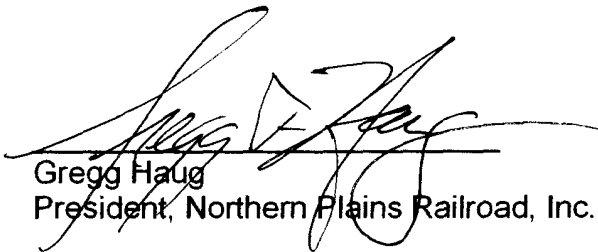


Exhibit B

Verification and Certification

I, Gregg Haug, President of the Northern Plains Railroad, Inc. declare under penalty of Perjury, under the laws of the United States of America, that I have read the foregoing Verified Notice of Exemption and that the assertions contained therein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I certify that the projected revenues of the Northern Plains Railroad, Inc. after the proposed acquisition will not exceed those of a Class III railroad. I further declare that I am qualified and authorized to submit this Verification and Certification on behalf of the Northern Plains Railroad, Inc.

Dated at Fordville, North Dakota this 15th day of November, 2005



Gregg Haug
President, Northern Plains Railroad, Inc.