

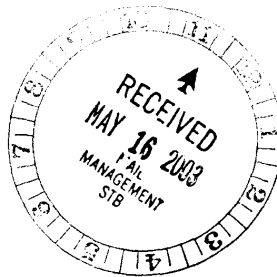
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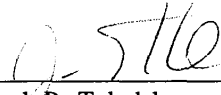
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NORTHERN PLAINS RESOURCE COUNCIL INC.'s
REPLY TO PETITION FOR SUBSTITUTION OF PARTIES

Comes now the Northern Plains Resource Council, and joins in the Reply to Petition for Substitution of Parties filed by the United Transportation Union, General Committee of Adjustment on the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railroad Company, and Montana State Legislative Board, on May 14, 2003. Northern Plains joins in, and incorporates all arguments made in that reply statement.

Dated this 5 day of May, 2003.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 5 day of May, 2003, I deposited a true and correct copy of the foregoing in the United States mail, postage prepaid, to all parties of record.

