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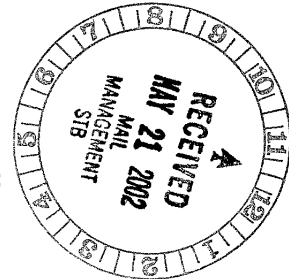
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VIA HAND DELIVERY - RETURN COPY

Hon. Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, NW (7th fl.)
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Dear Secretary Williams:

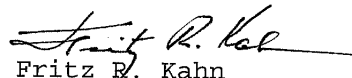
Enclosed for filing in STB Finance Docket No. 34207, CHS Holdings, Inc.--Acquisition and Operation Exemption--J.K. Line, Inc., are the originals and ten copies of Verified Notice of Exemption of CHS Holdings, Inc.

A check for \$1,300.00 in payment of the filing fee is attached.

Additional copies off this letter and of the Notice are enclosed for you to stamp to acknowledge your receipt of them and to return to me via the messenger.

If you have any question concerning this filing which you believe I may be able to answer or if I otherwise can be of assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,


Fritz R. Kahn

enc.

cc: David A. Kastelic, Esq.
Jeffrey O. Moreno, Esq.

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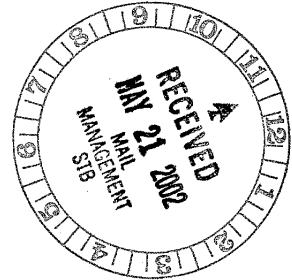
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BEFORE THE
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CHS HOLDINGS, INC.

Dated: May 21, 2002

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CHS HOLDINGS, INC.
-- ACQUISITION AND OPERATION EXEMPTION --
J.K. LINE, INC.

VERIFIED NOTICE OF EXEMPTION
OF
CHS HOLDINGS, INC.

Applicant, CHS Holdings, Inc., of Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota 55007 ("CHS"), a non-carrier, hereby files this Verified Notice of Exemption, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502 and 49 C.F.R. 1150.31, *et seq.*, and states, as follows:

1. Applicant's name, address and telephone number:

CHS Holdings, Inc.
5500 Cenex Drive
Inver Grove Heights, MN 55007
Tel.: (651) 306-3712

2. Applicant's representative:

Fritz R. Kahn
Fritz R. Kahn, P.C.
1920 N Street, NW (8th fl.)
Washington, DC 20036-1601
Tel.: (202) 263-4152

3. Agreement:

J.K. Line, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Cargill, Incorporated, has agreed to sell to CHS Holdings, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Cenex Harvest States Cooperatives, its entire

line of railroad, consisting of approximately two miles of track in Joliette, North Dakota. Cenex Harvest States Cooperatives is neither a railroad nor a person in control of a railroad.

4. Operator:

The railroad line will be operated by CHS Holdings, Inc.

5. Summary of proposed transaction.

a. Seller's name, address and telephone number:

J. K. Line, Inc.
15407 McGinty Road West
Minnetonka, MN 55391
Tel.: (612) 742-7575

b. Consummation date:

On or after seven days after the date of filing

c. Milepost designations

The line extends between Milepost 177.44 and the end of the line at Milepost 179.55 in Joliette 58271, a distance of 2.11 miles in Pembina County, North Dakota

6. Map

A map of the line is attached.

7. Environmental certification:

Since this is an acquisition of a railroad line under a class exemption from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10901(a) which will result in no significant changes in railroad operations exceeding the thresholds of 49 C.F.R. 1105.7(e)(4) or (5), no environmental documentation is required. Similarly, since the proposed transaction will not result in the disposition or alteration of properties 50 years old or older, within the

meaning of 49 C.F.R. 1105.8(b)(1), no historic report is required.

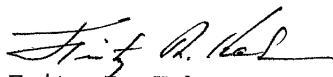
8. Revenue certification:

The projected revenues of CHS are not expected to exceed those of a Class III railroad. Neither will the projected revenues exceed \$5 million annually, requiring notification of employees, pursuant to 49 C.F.R. 1150.32(e).

Respectfully submitted,

CHS HOLDINGS, INC

By its attorney,



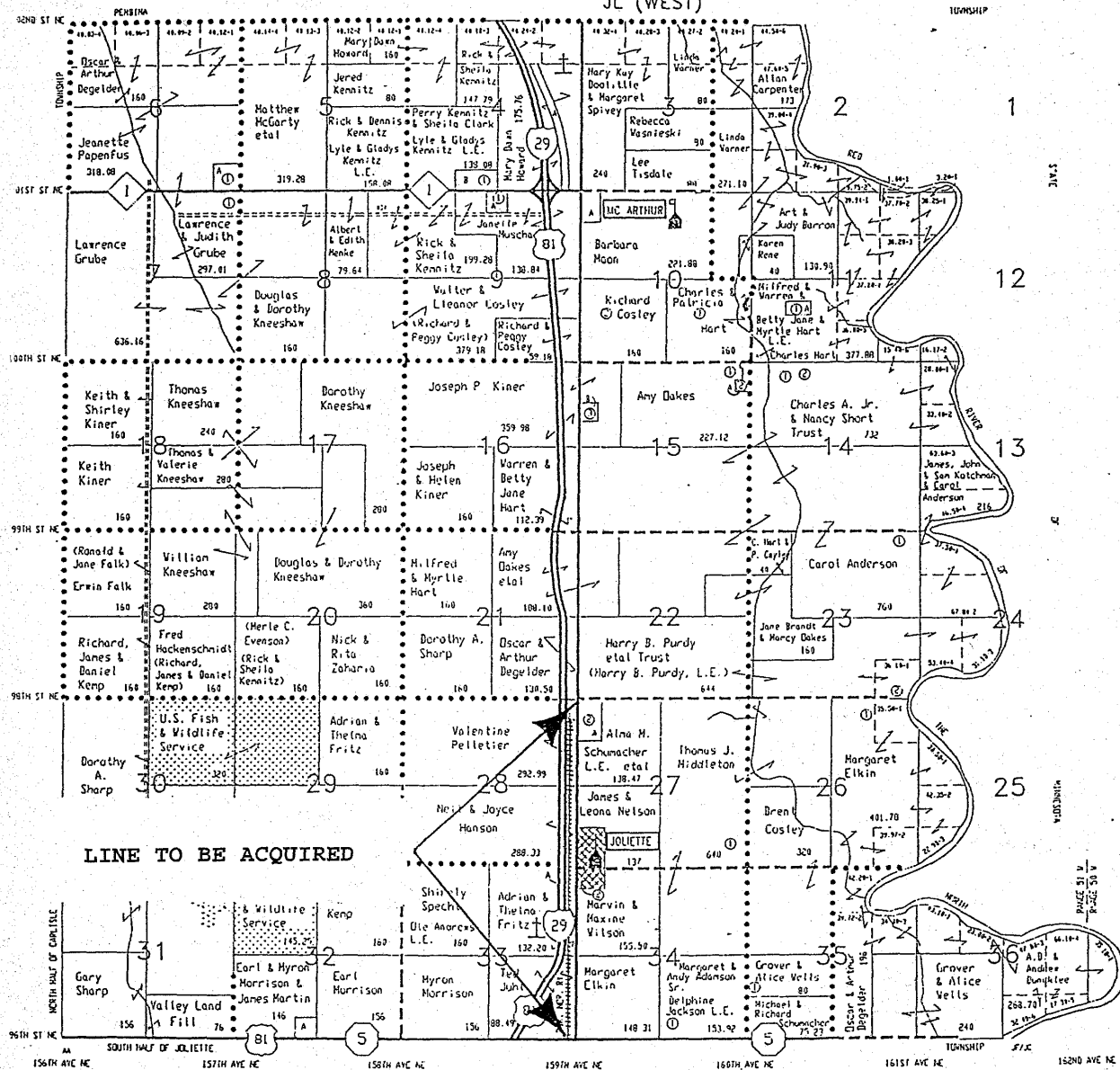
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Dated: May 21, 2002



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JL (WEST)



VERIFICATION

I, David Swenson, Vice President of Cenex Harvest States Cooperatives, the parent of CHS Holdings, 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 its assertions are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. I further declare that I am qualified and authorized to submit this verification on behalf of CHS Holdings, Inc. I know that willful misstatements or omissions of material facts constitute Federal criminal violations punishable under 18 U.S.C 1001 by imprisonment up to five years and fines up to \$10,000 for each offense. Additionally, these misstatements are punishable as perjury under 18 U.S.C. 1621, which provides for fines up to \$2,000 or imprisonment up to five years for each offense.

Dated at Inver Grove Heights, MN this 13th day of May, 2002.


David Swenson, Vice President

Verification

CAPTION SUMMARY

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J.K. LINE, INC.

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