

DULUTH *MISSABE* AND IRON RANGE RAILWAY COMPANY

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The Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

RE: STB Ex Parte No. 589

Dear Mr. Williams:

Enclosed is the executed original of my Verification filed with the Comments of Duluth Missabe & Iron Range Railway Company and Bessemer & Lake Erie Railroad Company. Due to time constraints, a faxed copy of the Verification was sent along with our Comments. Would you be so kind as to substitute the original for the copy in your files.

Very truly yours,

PDS:amm

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VERIFICATION

I, Peter D. Stephenson, hereby verify that the facts in the foregoing Comments of Duluth Missabe & Iron Range Railway Company and Bessemer & Lake Erie Railroad Company reflect my personal knowledge and are true and correct. As Vice President and General Manager of the Northern Business Unit, I am qualified and authorized to state those facts.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "P D Stephenson", is written over a horizontal line.