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Via HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423

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Re: STB Ex Parte No. 665 – Rail Transportation of Grain

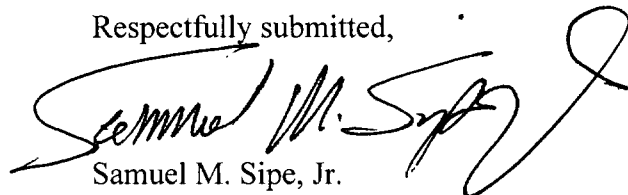
NOTICE OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE

Dear Secretary Williams:

Pursuant to the Notice served by the Board on October 11, 2006, in the above proceeding, this is to inform the Board that Kevin D. Kaufman, Group Vice President, Agricultural Products in the Marketing Department of BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) intends to participate in the public hearing scheduled by the Board on November 2, 2006. Mr. Kaufman will address the role of rail transportation in grain markets and issues related to the transportation of grain by BNSF. Mr. Kaufman requests that he be allotted 15 minutes to address the Board.

Ten copies of this notice of intent are enclosed herewith in accordance with the Board's Notice. Kindly address any questions concerning this communication to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,


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cc: Kevin D. Kaufman
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