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Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20423

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RE: Docket no. FD 34216, Notice of Exemption

Dear Secretary,

Under cover letter dated June 6, 2002, the South Dakota Railroad Authority (SDRA), a government agency, filed a Notice of Exemption and Caption Summary with the Surface Transportation Board relating to its acquisition of a 22.4 mile length of track from Rutland Line, Inc. running from the South Dakota/North Dakota border at milepost 65.57 to Geneseo Junction, North Dakota at milepost 43.17.

It is desirable that an additional approximately 275 feet of track beyond milepost 43.17 be conveyed from Rutland Line, Inc. to SDRA so a future operator of the line can effect an interchange with another carrier. This additional track is known as the Geneseo Joint Section. An amendment to the purchase agreement between Rutland Line, Inc. and SDRA will be executed to affect this change. I am enclosing herewith a plat showing the location of the additional 275 feet of track.

The SDRA wishes its' previously filed Notice of Exemption be amended accordingly.

Very truly yours,

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