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**VIA E-FILING**

Chief of Case Administration  
Office of Chief Counsel  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 E Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20024

**Re: FD 36944, *Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Railroad, LLC—  
Change of Operator Exemption—Railroad Line in Monterey and  
Santa Cruz Counties, Cal.***

To the Chief of Case Administration:

In response to the Office of Chief Counsel order served yesterday in the above docket, St. Paul & Pacific Railroad Company, LLC (“SPPR”) hereby registers its consent to be replaced as the operator over the line that is the subject of this proceeding. SPPR—which, in AB-1351X, concurrently seeks formal authorization via its eligibility for a class exemption to suspend (discontinue) its common carrier operations over a connecting line segment (in which SPPR holds an exclusive freight easement interest) but not to abandon the easement itself—trusts that this response obviates the need for Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Railroad, LLC to further supplement its notice of exemption filing for the same purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: All parties of record