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The Honorable Vernon Williams
Secretary, Surface Transportation Board
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Re: *Soo Line Railroad Company Abandonment – Hennepin County, Minnesota*
STB Docket No. AB-57 (Sub. No. 52X)

Dear Secretary Williams:

This letter is to notify the Board that Soo Line Railroad Company has consummated the above-referenced abandonment and has severed the line, discontinued operations, removed all track and rail materials, and has removed this trackage from the interstate rail network as of November 18, 2002. The line for which abandonment has been consummated is the line of railroad known as the 29th Street Corridor, also known as the "Depression Line," between milepost 428.3+/- (TC&W switch turnout west of France Avenue) and milepost 423.6+/- (near the eastern edge of Cedar Avenue), in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, MN. The line traverses U.S. Postal Zip Codes 55406, 55407, 55408, and 55416.

Historic conditions imposed in the Board's October 9, 2001 required that the parties enter into a Memorandum of Agreement and undertake historic mitigation measures (primarily photographic documentation of the rail structures) that delayed the removal of the rail and track structures. The completion of the mitigation measures agreed to by the Minnesota SHPO delayed salvage activities until the fall of this year.

This notice is being served pursuant to 49 C.F.R. parts 1152.29(e)(2) and 1152.50 upon the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission. Accordingly, also enclosed is a certificate of service.

In addition, enclosed is a self-addressed stamped envelope and a copy of this letter to be stamped

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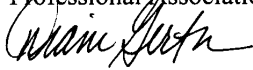
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with the filing date and returned to the undersigned. If you have any questions regarding the above-referenced matter, please feel free to call me.

Very truly yours,

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Diane P. Gerth".

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