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RE: FD31874 South Dakota Railway Company--Termination of Modified Rail Certificate

On December 8, 2021, South Dakota Railway Company (SDRB) requested the STB to terminate part of a NITU issued in May 2007 from MP 80.8 to MP 83.3 (Segment End per STC parlance). On March 4, 2022 the STB approved the termination of the requested NITU and declared the Segment End abandonment consummated.

NARPO has searched through it many records of CITUs and NITUs since 1986 and can find no record of a NITU being issued for the rail line leading to Ravinia, South Dakota. And a search of STB records does not show any NITU for the rail line leading to Ravinia, South Dakota. Also there is no record in modern records that show if the rail line leading to Ravinia ever existed although Google Maps does show the outline of a rail line coming from somewhere southeast of Ravinia.

If the end of the rail line at Platte, SD., has been consummated, and there is no rail line still in the National Rail System leading to Ravinia, SD., then no NITU can be issued as the rail line from Ravinia to Platte SD is not connected to the National Rail System. The STB long ago decided for there to be a NITU, the proposed rail line in the NITU had to be connected to the National Rail System; see RLTD v. STB, 146 F3d 942, DC Circuit 1998.

NARPO requests the STB to terminate the complete NITU in FD 31874..

All Parties of Record have been served via email on 10/05/2021.

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