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To: Rail Customer and Public Assistance <RCPA@stb.gov>
Subject: notice of intent to participate

In response to your [announcement](#), *"By September 14, 2022, any person wishing to speak at the hearing must file a notice of intent to participate: (i) identifying the entity, if any, the person represents, the proposed speaker, and whether the speaker will appear in person or via video conferencing, and (ii) summarizing the key points the speaker intends to address. Speakers will be allotted five minutes for their presentation unless they request otherwise in their notice of intent, in which case the Board will consider the request. Notices of intent will be posted to the Board's website and need not be served on parties of record, any hearing participants, or other commenters."*

Please confirm receipt of this email serving as notice of intent to participate, and request for a 5-minute presentation slot:

- (i) Cheryl Barnds on behalf of Winona LaDuke, Honor the Earth, via video conferencing
- (ii) Speaking on key points of concern to White Earth Nation and the US as a whole, such as increased rail traffic on White Earth Indian Reservation, Tribal consultation and right-of-way justice (proposed changes in usage on Tribal lands should be accompanied by new usage agreements), rail access and export opportunities, energy sovereignty, electrification with renewable energy and track modernization, and the public interest in a time of climate emergency.

Thank you.