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Hon. Cynthia T. Brown
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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

**Re: Request for extension of consummation deadline
*Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad Corporation - Abandonment of Trackage in
Olmsted County, Minnesota, STB Docket No. AB-337 (Sub No. 8X)***

Dear Ms. Brown:

On March 28, 2017, Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad Corporation ("DM&E") filed a petition to abandon a 2.01 mile line of railroad extending from milepost 37.9 +/- of DM&E's Waseca Subdivision, near Eyota, Minnesota, to the end of the rail line at or near County Road 9, in Olmsted County, Minnesota (the Line). By decision served July 12, 2017, the STB granted exemption authority to abandon effective August 11, 2017.

With this letter, DM&E is requesting an extension of the consummation deadline until September 12, 2018 to permit it to conclude negotiation of agreements related to the purchase of the southern segment of the Line by Kruegel Gas Service for its use to continue to ship, receive, and store railcars following abandonment.

Accordingly, for good cause shown pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29(e)(2), DM&E respectfully requests an extension of the current deadline for filing a notice of consummation in this proceeding. See *BNSF Ry. Co.-Abandonment Exemption-In Rock Island and Whiteside Counties, IL*, STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 435X) (STB served Dec. 29, 2008) (granting third request for an extension to consummate abandonment authority to facilitate sale of portion of line).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "W. Karl Hansen", written over a horizontal line.

Stinson Leonard Street LLP
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cc: Todd Kruegel, President
Kruegel Gas Service

Marlis Knowton, City of Eyota Clerk/Treasurer