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Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW, Room 100
Washington, DC 20423

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Re: DM&E proposed abandonment

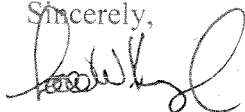
Dear Ms. Brown:

Kruegel Gas Service is a distributor of propane gas. Our headquarters is located in Spring Valley, Minnesota and we operate a receiving and distribution facility in Eyota, MN that is located adjacent to the Plainview Spur, a branch railroad line owned and operated by DM&E. The Eyota facility received an average of 35 loaded cars of propane per year between 2005 and 2013. Between January 2014 and January 2017, we received an average of 81 loaded cars of propane each year.

DM&E notified us that it plans to seek authority from the Surface Transportation Board ("STB") to abandon the Plainview Spur between its connection with the Waseca Subdivision mainline at milepost 37.9 and where the Plainview Spur ends at County Road 9. We understand that after the abandonment, DM&E intends to designate the line adjacent to our facility as exempt industrial trackage. We have entered into an agreement with DM&E to purchase that portion of the line once the abandonment proceeding is completed and we intend to use the tracks for receiving and storing railcars. Because those tracks connect to DM&E's mainline, Kruegel Gas will continue to receive rail service from DM&E after the Plainview Spur is abandoned.

Kruegel Gas strongly supports the proposed abandonment. It will allow us to expand our operations by increasing our receiving and storage tracks without the need for new construction. As a result, abandonment of the Plainview Spur will foster increased economic development by allowing us to provide better and expanded service to our customers in the region.

Sincerely,



Todd Kruegel
President

cc: Wayne Carten
cc: Karl Hansen, Attorney

