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Re: Docket No. FD-36137-0

Dear Ms. Begeman,

Quikrete has been located on the Nickel Plate railroad since 1948. We are a family business and one of the largest manufacturers of concrete repair products in the United States. We have over 200 locations throughout the country. We have in the past brought in many of the material we use in the manufacturing of our products on this rail line. Gradually over the years due to service issues we stopped using the rail line. About 15 years ago we began using the railroad again. Had the service remained consistent we would still be using this service. In the past we brought in many 1000's of tons of Portland cement and raw materials, some prepackaged materials and empty bags.

We are currently move 50+ trucks in and out of our facility daily. This number could be greatly reduced if an active rail line with competitive rates were available.

The fair train has operated on this section of track for many years and has always been a fun and fantastic service for those attending the fair. The transportation Museum did a great job of educating the riding public about the history of the cars and engines on the track. Many children would never have been able to ride on a train if it were not for this service and the dedication of many volunteers who kept the museum trains running. It has truly been missed.

There has been a lot of talk about converting the line to a commuter rail or a walking / bike trail. We strongly suggest that neither of these happen. This rail runs through the middle of our business location since we have buildings on both sides of the tracks. We do not need uncontrolled vehicle or foot traffic moving through our property. If this were to occur we would have to seriously entertain moving our facility out of the area. This would not be good for our employees or the neighborhood.

Sincerely,

John Shank

