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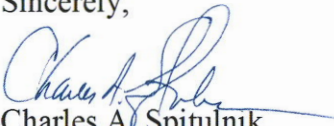
Re: *Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority – Acquisition Exemption – In Hennepin County, MN, STB Finance Docket No. 36177; Metropolitan Council – Petition for Declaratory Order, STB Finance Docket No. 36178; Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority – Exemption from 49 U.S.C. Subtitle IV, STB Finance Docket No. 32816*

Dear Ms. Brown:

I am attaching for e-filing in the above-captioned proceedings the Notice of Closing of the Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority and the Metropolitan Council.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,


Charles A. Spitulnik

Enclosure

Cc: All Parties of Record

**BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

FINANCE DOCKET NO. 36177

***HENNEPIN COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY – ACQUISITION
EXEMPTION –
IN HENNEPIN COUNTY, MN***

FINANCE DOCKET NO. 36178

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL – PETITION FOR DECLARATORY ORDER

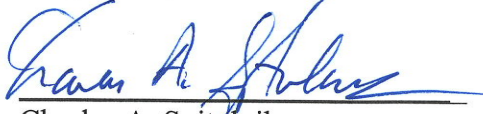
FINANCE DOCKET NO. 32816

***HENNEPIN COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY—EXEMPTION—
FROM 49 U.S.C. SUBTITLE IV***

NOTICE OF CLOSING

On November 30, 2018, the Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority and the Metropolitan Council provided notice, as directed in the August 22, 2018, Decision in this docket, that on December 11, 2018, (1) the Council intended to close on the relevant acquisitions described in Finance Docket No. 36178 and that (2) the Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority intended to close on its acquisition of the operating easement over the Bass Lake Spur that is the subject of Notice of Exemption in Finance Docket No. 36177. This notice is intended to advise the Board and all parties that these closings have now occurred and that HCRRA has assumed the common carrier rail rights and obligations on the Bass Lake Spur Trackage.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Charles A. Spitulnik, hereby certify that on this 13th day of December, 2018, I have caused to be served the foregoing Notice of Closing Date upon all parties of record in these proceedings by first class mail with postage prepaid.

Dated: December 13, 2018

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Charles A. Spitulnik", is written over a horizontal line.

Charles A. Spitulnik