



***SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD***

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June 23, 2008

Mr. Darrell Flying-Man  
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P.O. Box 38  
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**RE: STB Finance Docket No. 33407, Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad Corporation Construction into the Powder River Basin Project: Report for your comment**

Dear Mr. Flying-Man:

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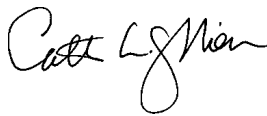
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Mr. Joseph Brings Plenty  
Chairman  
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Eagle Butte, SD 57625

**RE: STB Finance Docket No. 33407, Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad Corporation Construction into the Powder River Basin Project: Report for your comment**

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Mr. Wallace Coffey  
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Lawton, OK 73502

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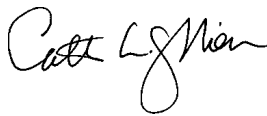
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Mr. Lester Thompson, Jr.  
Chairman  
Crow Creek Lakota Tribe  
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Ft. Thompson, SD 57339-0050

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Mr. Carl Venne  
Chairman  
Crow Nation  
P.O. Box 159  
Crow Agency, MT 59022

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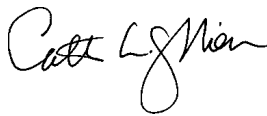
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Mr. Ivan Posey  
Chairman  
Eastern Shoshone Tribe  
P.O. Box 538  
Ft. Washakie, WY 82514

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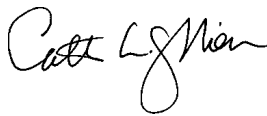
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President  
Flandreau Santee Sioux  
P.O. Box 283  
Flandreau, SD 57028

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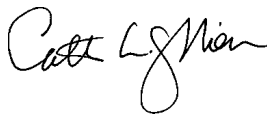
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Chairman  
Ft. Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes  
P.O. Box 836  
Poplar, MT 59255-1027

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Mr. George R. Lewis  
President  
Ho-Chunk Nation  
W9814 Airport Road  
Black River Falls, WI 54615

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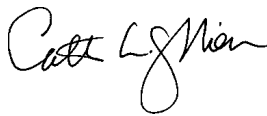
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Mr. Billy Evans Horse  
Chairman  
Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma  
P.O. Box 369  
Carnegie, OK 73015

**RE: STB Finance Docket No. 33407, Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad Corporation Construction into the Powder River Basin Project: Report for your comment**

Dear Mr. Evans Horse:

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Mr. Michael Jandreau  
Chairman  
Lower Brule Sioux Tribe  
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Lower Brule, SD 57548

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President  
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Morton, MN 56270

**RE: STB Finance Docket No. 33407, Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad Corporation Construction into the Powder River Basin Project: Report for your comment**

Dear Ms. Stacy:

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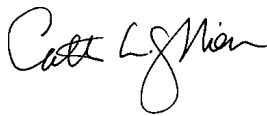
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Chairwoman  
Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin  
P.O. Box 910  
Keshena, WI 54135

**RE: STB Finance Docket No. 33407, Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad Corporation Construction into the Powder River Basin Project: Report for your comment**

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Chairman  
Northern Arapaho Tribe  
P.O. Box 396  
Fort Washakie, WY 82514

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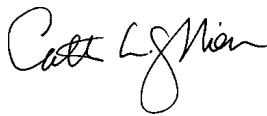
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Mr. Eugene Little Coyote  
President  
Northern Cheyenne Tribe  
600 Cheyenne Avenue, Littlewolf Capital Bldg, P.O. Box 128  
Lame Deer, MT 59043

**RE: STB Finance Docket No. 33407, Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad Corporation Construction into the Powder River Basin Project: Report for your comment**

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Mr. John Yellow Bird Steele  
President  
Oglala Lakota Tribe  
P.O. Box 2070  
Pine Ridge, SD 57770

**RE: STB Finance Docket No. 33407, Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad Corporation Construction into the Powder River Basin Project: Report for your comment**

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Mr. Mitchell Parker  
Chairman  
Omaha Tribe of Nebraska  
P.O. Box 400  
Macy, NE 68039

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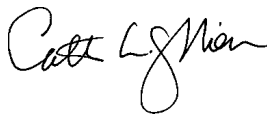
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Mr. George Elton Howell  
President  
Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma  
P.O. Box 470  
Pawnee, OK 74058

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June 23, 2008

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Chairman  
Ponca Tribe of Nebraska  
P.O. Box 288  
Niobrara, NE 68760

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President  
Prairie Island Indian Community  
5636 Sturgeon Lake Road  
Welch, MN 55089

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Mr. Rodney Bordeaux  
President  
Rosebud Lakota Tribe  
P.O. Box 430  
Rosebud, SD 57570

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Chairman  
Santee Sioux Tribe of Nebraska  
425 Frazier Avenue N, Suite 2  
Niobrara, NE 68760

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Chairman  
Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux (Dakota) Community of Minnesota  
2330 Sioux Trail NW  
Prior Lake, MN 55372

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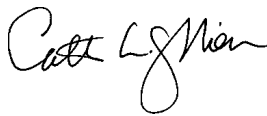
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Mr. Michael Selvage  
Chairman  
Sisseton-Wahpeton Dakota Nation  
P.O. Box 509  
Agency Village, SD 57262-0509

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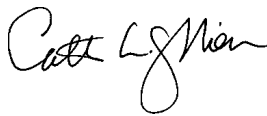
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Ft. Totten, ND 58335

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Chairman  
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P.O. Box D  
Ft. Yates, ND 58538

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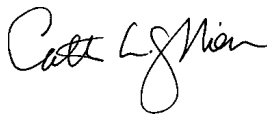
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Mr. Marcus Wells, Jr.  
Chairman  
Three Affiliated Tribes (MHA Nation)  
404 Frontage Road  
New Town, ND 58763

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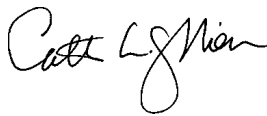
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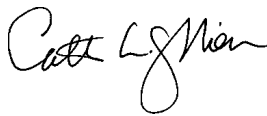
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Winnebago, NE 68071

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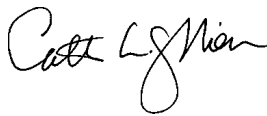
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