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By UPS overnight mail

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Re: Docket No. AB-1099X, *Sunflour Railroad, Inc. -- Abandonment Exemption -- in
Roberts and Marshall Counties, SD*

Dear Mr. Navecky:

In response to your e-mail message to me of July 30, I am hereby forwarding a copy of
Professor Hofsommer's Report including his photographs of the involved rail line.

Very truly yours,



Thomas F. McFarland

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cc: Mr. Tom Mars, *by email, w/o copy*

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Dear Mr. McFarland:

This refers to the line abandonment of Sunflour Railroad, Inc. in South Dakota between Claire City and Veblen (Milepost 228.2 to Milepost 236.2).

The line of railway from near Claire City to Veblen, 8.1 miles, was an integral part of Fairmont & Veblen Railway Company's (F&V) 87.2-mile route from Fairmont, North Dakota to Grenville, South Dakota. Constructed during the years 1913-1914, the company was birthed by Julius Rosholt, a Wisconsin banker and entrepreneur, who willingly responded to entreaties from farmers and others around Veblen, an established but inland community at the foot of hills comprising Coteau du Prairie. F&V served fourteen communities, twelve of them "telegraph stations," i.e. with full depot buildings and staffed by an agent of the company. Engine houses were constructed at Fairmont and Grenville. Veblen likewise once sported an engine house as well as a small machine shop, coal derrick, water tank, oil house, sand bin, and stock yard. The route from Fairmont to Rosholt and for some distance to the west proved productive of agricultural produce (principally cereal grains early on), but the line from Veblen up the Coteau hills was circuitous, steep, and the country more conducive to cattle raising than farming. (Shipment of livestock by rail ended some four decades ago.)

Julius Rosholt, something of a gadfly, made a career of putting down short pikes and then seeking to peddle them to larger carriers. Fairmont & Veblen was an example. It passed to Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie (Soo Line) in 1915. In addition to regularly scheduled freight trains, Soo Line operated daily-except-Sunday passenger service over the line into the 1930s, and offered mixed train (passenger and freight) as late as 1959--freight only thereafter. Billings from the tag end of the line dwindled, and Soo Line abandoned the 41.5-mile leg from Grenville to Veblen in 1971. Even earlier, as Soo Line moved from steam to diesel-electric motive power, engine facilities at Veblen (water tank, oil house, etc.) were torn down, and even the depot disappeared as the era of agency service ended at Soo and across the industry.

Canadian Pacific (CP) since the late nineteenth century had owned 56 percent of Soo Line's equity and in 1990 decided to purchase the remaining 44 percent. And CP, reflecting a pattern among larger carriers at the time, determined to trim marginal lines by way of abandonment or sale to parties that would continue operations as short lines. That was the case in 2000 when CP sold that portion of the former Fairmont & Veblen from Veblen to Rosholt, 27.4 miles, to Sunflour Railroad, retaining 15.5 miles of line from Veblen Junction (4.2 miles west of Fairmont) to Rosholt--serving a large grain handling customer and another major shipper at Rosholt with train service from Hankinson.

Sunflour anticipated that a more customer-oriented approach that a short line could provide compared to that of a large carrier like Canadian Pacific would reignite shipper interest in rail service and those expectations were generally met except at Veblen. Indeed, no shipments were offered Sunflower at that point and, in the face of disappointment and frustration, and never having run a train into Veblen from Claire City since acquisition of the line in 2000, Sunflour in 2003 abandoned the 8.1-mile segment.

The area of South Dakota in question is now and always has been lightly populated with persons devoted to or indirectly tied to agriculture. The community of Veblen existed before the coming of the railroad, grew and prospered with the advent of rail service but, following the Great Depression and with the advent of hardtop roads, the importance--even primacy--of rail service to Veblen and surrounding environs dissipated. (Marshall County--Veblen--and Roberts County--Claire City experienced maximum population following introduction of rail service but suffered a dramatic downward spiral in the Great Depression and Dust Bowl that continued thereafter.)

On July 16, 2012, I made a personal inspection of the property in question. Except for modest curvature to the east out of Veblen, the line is on a tangent all the way to Claire City--running at approximately the half-section line, with very little change in elevation. The right-of-way is standard 100-foot except for 300-foot for the most part at Veblen. As noted above, successive owners of the line did away with the traditional railway built environment--depots, tool houses, engine facilities, etc. in reflection of changed business conditions and operating practices. In 2003, Sunflour (the current owner) dismantled the track structure (including the main track and all yard tracks at Veblen) to just west of Claire City, 8.1 miles. This process included picking up anything of scrap value (rail--60-pound per yard in 30-foot sections rolled early in the twentieth century, spikes, tie plates, angle bars, track anchors, etc.), remaining crossties, and raising any company-owned structures at Veblen. In fact, the sole surviving structure of any type is a very simple 41-foot 2-bent pile trestle at roughly milepost 235. There are no other associated ancillary facilities. The former yard at Veblen has been graded flat; one must have a very active imagination to believe that railroad business once flourished there. The

abandoned right-of-way between Veblen and Claire City remains generally visible although mostly overgrown with vegetation (fences have been removed) and former grade crossings can be detected with a sharp eye. In short, I found nothing that even remotely suggests candidacy for consideration on the National Register of Historic Places.

Respectfully submitted,

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Who's Who in the Midwest, 1989, 1996, 1999, 2001
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Sunflour Abandonment Photo Identification

1. Veblen. Looking southeast through former yard into curve leading east and out of town.
2. See #1
3. Veblen. Looking north/northwest through the former yard toward Washington Avenue (State Highway 25). Protective cover for round bales encroaching on all or part of the former yard constructed obviously after abandonment.
4. Veblen. Looking southeast from Washington Avenue (State Highway 25) through what had been yard. See #3 re: protective shed.
5. See #4
6. Veblen. Looking northwest across Washington Avenue (State Highway 25) at former right-of-way.
7. Two-span pile trestle approximately MP 235. Your file.
8. One mile east of Veblen looking southwest/west across abandoned right-of-way. Two-span pile trestle approximately MP 235 dimly seen in distance.
9. Former grade crossing one mile east of Veblen. Looking south.
10. Former grade crossing two miles east of Veblen. Looking south.
11. Abandoned right-of-way two miles east of Veblen. Looking west.
12. Former grade crossing four miles east of Veblen. Looking south.
13. Rail and crossing plank embedded in former grade crossing four miles east of Veblen. Roberts County #3. Looking east.
14. Former grade crossing six miles east of Veblen. Looking south.
15. End-of-track west of Claire City. Looking west.
16. Product of dismantling. Claire City.
17. See #16

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