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Re: Request for information and source

Dear Ms. Rutson:

Please send a copy of the source noted in footnote 41 on page 1-18, Volume 1, Chapter 1, Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Finance Docket No. 33407—Dakota, Minnesota, and Eastern Railroad Corporation (Hong, B.D. at 34).

The second paragraph of 1.3.4 on page 1-18 states that, "For the past five years, and despite continued capital spending, existing PRB coal carriers have consistently failed to meet guaranteed cycle time...". What is the source for this information and which five years are being referenced? Please also send this source.

In the past cycle times for PRB railroads were available on the STB web site and there were studies done and available of freight rates for class 1 railroads. Why are these no longer available? Please send up to date information on cycle times for the Powder River Basin railroads and the most recent freight rate studies.

Please send this information immediately as delay would hamper our ability to respond to the DEIS in a timely manner. Send to: 1331 Morrissey Rd, Newcastle, WY 82701.

Beneath the Eagle's Wing,

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