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DM&E Powder River Basin Expansion Project
Draft Environmental Impact Statement

COMMENT SHEET

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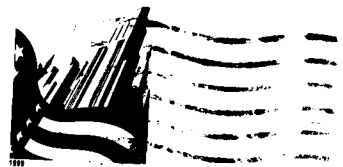
Please provide any comments on the DM&E Powder River Basin Expansion Project Draft EIS.

Twenty-two years ago my husband and I met and married and began our life together in Tucson, Arizona. After our "honeymoon trip" to visit family in Pierre (I was born & raised here) we decided that the best place to "happily ever after" was right here in the city on the river, Pierre - "God's Country" Harry called it. Despite the obvious advantages of living in Arizona in a beautiful, sunny climate, there is no place like Pierre. We have never regretted that decision, though we have traveled often, there is no place like Pierre. On behalf of the thousands of like minded people with whom we share this beautiful community, I ask you - beg you - not to allow the DM&E Powder River Basin Expansion Project to be routed through Pierre. I believe that the impact on Pierre would be horrendous and ultimately disastrous for the city and the railroad. The potential for harm to all concerned is too great to ignore.

Additional comments:

The DM&E Expansion Project poses a threat to western South Dakota as well, 30-40+ high speed trains per day cannot be a good thing for any environment - populated or not - and will adversely impact the wildlife and the range animals. I can't imagine that the economic gain of so few (and so far from here) justifies the destruction of such a pristine area.

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