

Surface Transportation Board  
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Att: STB FD#33407  
1925 K St. NW  
Washington, DC 20423-0001  
Attention: Victoria Rutson, Environmental Project Manager

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November 14, 2000

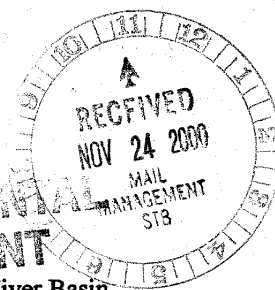
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Dear Ms. Rutson:

A Draft Environmental Impact Study (DEIS) concerning the Powder River Basin Expansion Project of the DM&E Railroad was recently completed. As it relates to the trackage in the Mankato area, the DEIS concluded that the environmentally preferred route is the alternative M-2 route, commonly referred to as the Southern By-Pass Route.

This is a very controversial recommendation, and I would like to share my opinion with you and the Surface Transportation Board.

Opinion:

*My family has lived in Skyline Village for 41 years. We have enjoyed living in this*  
(See back for further comments)

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Name (please print) LEE ASCHE

Address 203-E. SKYLINE CT City MANKATO State MN ZIP 56001

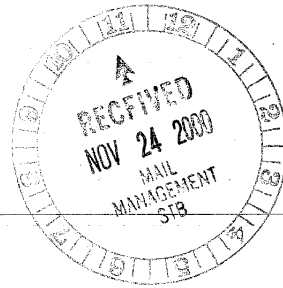
quiet area teeming with wildlife from deer to fox,  
squirrels, racoon and birds of every kind and  
description.

I strongly protest the construction proposed by  
the D.M. & C. railroad company which railroad  
By Pass M2 southern rte. will take. The  
planned route will destroy our beautiful little  
village - 8 homes completely removed by the  
construction and said construction will cause  
erosion which will have a devastating effect  
for years to come. ~~the~~ so please do not  
allow the M2 southern bypass route  
to proceed. I just learned of this new  
route which takes part of Skyline Village away  
yesterday. Nov. 18th. The original M2 route was  
completely different.

Sincerely,  
The Lee Asche family,

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Dear Ms. Rutson,

I am writing to request your consideration for an extension of the 90 day review time for the STB Finance Docket No. 33407/ EIS Draft, DM&E Railroad Project.

Since this is a very lengthy document to review and most persons reading this 2000 page document are working citizens trying to read in their spare time, we would ask that their be some consideration given to this matter.

It took a great deal of time for the STB to write this lengthy dEIS report and so we are sure that you will understand when we say we need a little more time than just 90 days. Plus the fact that this 90 day time frame will fall over the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. We ask that you extend the period 180 days after the Jan. 5, 2001 deadline.

Your prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted,

*See Asche*  
*203-E. Skyline Ct.*  
*Markato, Mn. 56001*

*P.S. See enclosed note as well.*