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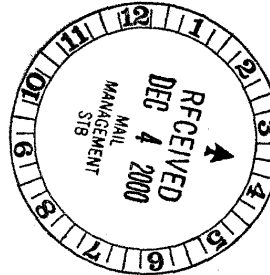
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Office of the Secretary, Attn: Victoria Rutson, Environmental Project Manager
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STB Finance Docket #33407
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street Northwest
Washington DC 20423-0001

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November 29, 2000

Re: DM&E Powder River Basin Expansion Project Expansion Project Draft EIS

Dear Ms. Rutson:

Please take the time to consider all of the long range impacts that will so severely impact the beautiful land, the people and the wildlife that make this territory their home.

All citizens are concerned over the impact that additional trains will have on the floodwall and other downtown facilities....but surely these things can be remedied. Downtown Mankato is built. No more family living and very little new construction will ever be contracted in the downtown portion of the city. On the other hand, new housing, business and industry is every growing in the suburb. The city boundary is growing due to the yearly annexation of suburban property. Now you want to take the very people that have supported this growth of yearly annexation of the city's boundary and run a rail line through their property, homes and businesses! We have basically been informed that our quality of life is secondary to those that are invested in the city proper.

Please take the time and effort to consider ALL consequences! Do not listen to only those involved in Mankato City governing body. We need our voices heard, too! Any other route other than adding to the existing rail lines through the city of Mankato will have a devastating and negative impact on the suburbia's quality of life, the quality of wildlife and nature.

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Respectfully submitted by concerned citizens,

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