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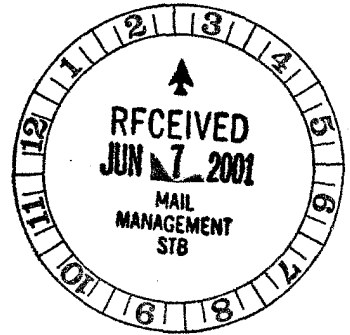
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BY HAND

Surface Transportation Board
Office of the Secretary
Case Control Unit
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Re: STB Finance Docket No. 34000

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed are the original and twenty-five (25) copies of the Escanaba & Lake Superior Railroad Company's Notice of Intent to Participate (With Request for Late Filing) in the above referenced case.

Also enclosed is a 3.5 inch floppy disc in Word Perfect 6.0, which is compatible with the Word Perfect 9.0 version

Please file-stamp the enclosed copy of the pleading and return it to our messenger. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Larry H. Mitchell

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enclosures

cc: All Parties on Service List

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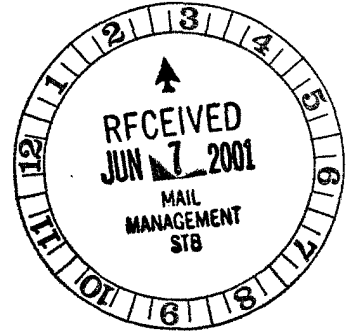
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SAULT STE. MARIE BRIDGE COMPANY, AND
WISCONSIN CHICAGO LINK LTD.**

NOTICE OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE (WITH REQUEST FOR LATE FILING)

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Dated: June 7, 2001

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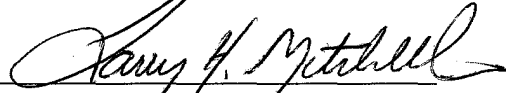
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The Escanaba & Lake Superior Railroad Company ("E&LS") hereby gives notice of its intent to participate in this proceeding and requests that the undersigned counsel be added to the service list.

Since the proposed merger was first announced, the E&LS has been engaged in intermittent discussions and negotiations with the Canadian National Railway Company ("CN"). As of this date, however, it appears that those discussions have not resulted in any accommodations to ameliorate potential competitive harm to the E&LS and its shippers. Accordingly, the E&LS respectfully requests that it be afforded an opportunity to participate in these proceedings, despite the Board's requirement that this Notice be on file as of May 25, 2001. No prejudice to the Board or the parties will ensue as a result of the E&LS's request, because the final service list has yet to be published.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larry H. Mitchell", written over a horizontal line.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

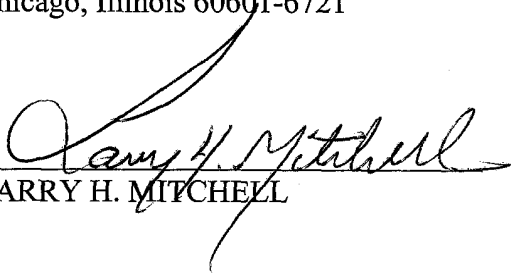
I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 7th day of June 2001, a copy of the foregoing "Notice of Intent to Participate (With Request for Late Filing) (ELS-1) was mailed, postage prepaid, to each of the following:

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