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VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
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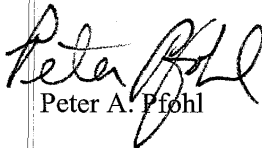
Re: STB Finance Docket No. 34178, *Dakota, Minnesota, & Eastern Railroad Corporation and Cedar American Rail Holdings, Inc. Control -- Iowa, Chicago & Eastern Railroad Corporation*

Dear Secretary Williams:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced proceeding, please find an original and 25 copies of the Notice of Intent to Participate of the Western Coal Traffic League.

We have included an extra copy of the filing. Please indicate receipt by time-stamping this copy and returning it with our messenger.

Sincerely,

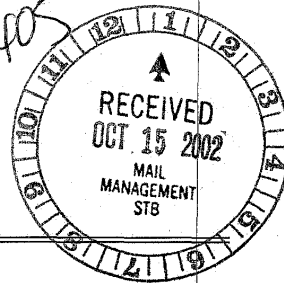

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Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad)
Corporation and Cedar American Rail)
Holdings, Inc. -- Control -- Iowa,)
Chicago & Eastern Railroad Corporation)
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Finance Docket No. 34178

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE
WESTERN COAL TRAFFIC LEAGUE**

The Western Coal Traffic League ("WCTL") hereby notifies the Board of
its intent to participate in the above proceeding as its interests may require.

WCTL requests that it be added to the service list for this proceeding.

Service of all filings/decisions in this proceeding should be made on its undersigned
counsel.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

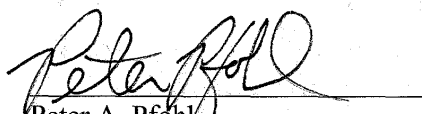
I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing Notice of Intent to Participate were served this 15th day of October, 2002, by first-class mail, postage pre-paid, upon:

Secretary of the United States
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