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October 15, 2002



Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Re: *Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad Corporation - Control -
Iowa, Chicago & Eastern Railroad Corporation, Finance Docket
No. 34178*

Dear Secretary Williams:

As counsel to the Commuter Rail Division of the Regional Transportation Authority of Northeast Illinois d/b/a "Metra," we hereby notify the Board of Metra's intention to participate in the captioned proceeding, and request that Metra be designated as a party of record ("POR").

Metra is currently engaged in negotiations with representatives of the Iowa, Chicago & Eastern Railroad ("IC&E") and the Canadian Pacific Railway over the basis upon which IC&E will be granted access to the line owned by Metra between Pingree Grove and Cragin Junction, Illinois. As noted by the Board in footnote 7 to its Decision No. 2, served in these proceedings on September 26, 2002, Metra has granted IC&E temporary access to the line pursuant to a detour agreement. Metra is hopeful that a long-term arrangement will be executed and in place prior to the deadline for filing opposition testimony and pleadings in this proceeding, but by this notice it preserves its option to file such pleadings in the event an agreement is not reached.

Please add the following names to the list of parties of record:

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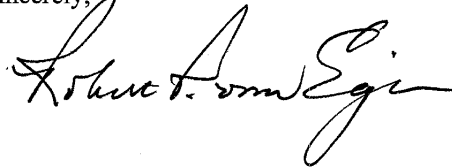
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The original plus 25 copies are attached with this notice, along with a Certificate of Service confirming service upon those parties as required in Decision No. 2. Also enclosed is a diskette containing the text of this letter and the attached Certificate of Service in Microsoft Word 97 format. Please date stamp the extra copy of this letter, and return it to me for our records. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert P. vom Eigen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "E" at the end.

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cc: Michael Noland, Esq.
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

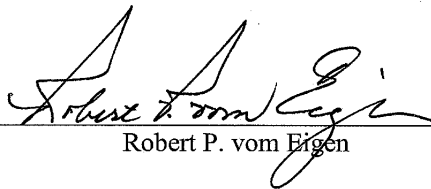
I hereby certify that on this 15th day of October, 2002, a copy of the foregoing Notice of Intention to Participate in this proceeding was served by first class mail, postage prepaid, upon:

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