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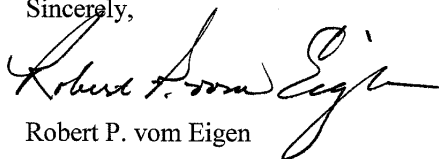
Re: *Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad Corporation - Control -
Iowa, Chicago & Eastern Railroad Corporation, Finance Docket
No. 34178*

Dear Secretary Williams:

In compliance with the instructions contained in Decision No. 4 enclosed for filing in the above identified proceeding are an original and ten copies of this letter and attached Certificate of Service filed on behalf of the Commuter Rail Division of the Regional Transportation Authority of Northeast Illinois d/b/a "Metra", noting that we have this date served on all parties of record a copy of Metra's letter filed with the STB on October 15, 2002, a copy of which is enclosed.

Also enclosed is a diskette containing the text of this letter and attached Certificate of Service in Microsoft Word 97 format. Please date stamp the extra copy of this letter and enclosures and return to our to me for our records.

Sincerely,


Robert P. vom Eigen

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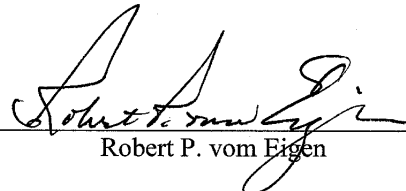
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Dear Secretary Williams:

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.

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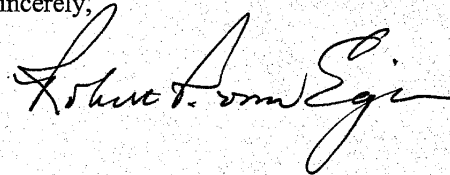
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The original plus 25 copies are attached with this notice, along with a Certificate of Service confirming service upon those parties as required in Decision No. 2. Also enclosed is a diskette containing the text of this letter and the attached Certificate 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 the last name "Eigen" being particularly prominent.

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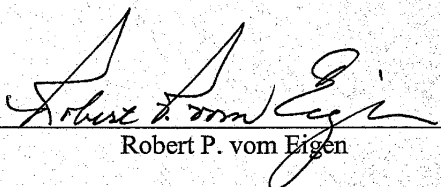
I hereby certify that on this 15th day of October, 2002, a copy of the foregoing Notice of Intention to Participate in this proceeding was served by first class mail, postage prepaid, upon:

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