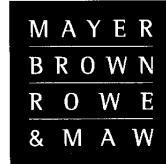


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Dear Secretary Williams:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned proceeding are the original and twenty (20) copies of The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company's Notice of Intent to Participate (BNSF-1). Also enclosed is a disk with the text of the pleading in a format compatible with Word Perfect 10.

I would appreciate it if you would date-stamp the enclosed extra copy and return it to the messenger for our files. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely yours,

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The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company ("BNSF") hereby provides notice of its intent to participate as a party of record in the above-captioned proceeding. BNSF is represented in this proceeding by its in-house counsel and by outside counsel at Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw LLP. BNSF requests that the following persons be added to the service list, and receive copies of all motions, pleadings, correspondence, and other filings made in connection with the above-captioned proceeding:

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