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Mr. Vernon A. Williams
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Surface Transportation Board
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Re: **Finance Docket No. 29672,
Burlington Northern Railroad Company --
Operations -- In States of Iowa and South Dakota**

Notice of Intent to Partially Terminate Service

Dear Secretary Williams:

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1150.24, The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company ("BNSF"), successor to Burlington Northern Railroad Company, hereby provides notice of its intention, effective August 17, 2004, to terminate service provided pursuant to a modified certificate of public convenience and necessity on a rail line (the "Sioux Falls segment") owned by the State of South Dakota and extending between milepost 70.1 (near East 11th Street) and milepost 71.48 (East Junction) in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The original and 10 copies of this notice, along with a 3.5 inch IBM compatible diskette, are enclosed for the Board's use.

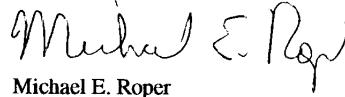
BNSF's predecessor was authorized to provide service on several State-owned rail lines, including the Sioux Falls segment, under a Modified Rail Certificate issued in Burlington Northern Railroad Company --Operations -- In the States of Iowa and South Dakota, Finance Docket No. 29672 (ICC served July 24, 1981 and August 17, 1981). No local shippers have utilized rail service on the Sioux Falls segment during the past six months. BNSF is providing notice to the State of South Dakota currently with the filing of this notice. Certain prior overhead traffic movements on the Sioux Falls segment have been rerouted with the concurrence of the State onto another BNSF line in Sioux Falls.

I certify that, in accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 1150.24(a), a copy of this notice of intent to terminate service has been served by first class mail, postage prepaid, upon the State of South Dakota, at the address provided below.

One extra copy of this letter is enclosed, and I would request that you date-stamp that copy to show receipt of this filing and return it to me in the provided envelope.

Please feel free to contact me should any questions arise regarding this matter. Thank you for your assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael E. Roper". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michael" being the most prominent.

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Enclosures

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