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

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Re: Finance Docket No. F.D. 34759
Mohall Central Railroad, Inc.- Acquisition and Operation Exemption

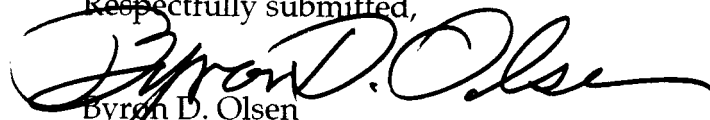
Dear Secretary Williams:

Enclosed for filing in the above captioned docket are:

- 1) An original Notice of Exemption with caption summary and supporting information;
- 2) Ten copies of the Notice and caption summary;
- 3) A CD-Rom disc formatted for Word containing the previously described information; and
- 4) A Mohall Railroad, Inc. check in the amount of \$1500 payable to the Surface Transportation Board in payment of the filing fee.

An additional copy of this letter and of the Notice of Exemption are enclosed for you to stamp to acknowledge your receipt of these documents and to return to the undersigned in the enclosed, stamped return envelope. If there are any questions concerning this filing, please contact me at 612-860-1230. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,


Byron D. Olsen
Attorney for Applicant

Jerome Johnson, BNSF
Gregg Haug, Mohall Central RR

BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
FINANCE DOCKET NO. F.D.34759



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**MOHALL CENTRAL RAILROAD, INC.
--- ACQUISITION AND OPERATION EXEMPTION ---
A LINE OF RAILROAD OF BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY**

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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Mohall Central Railroad, Inc. has filed a Notice of Exemption to acquire and operate the BNSF Railway Company line between Sarles, ND (MP 72.9), and a point near Lakota, ND (MP 3.75). Comments must be filed with the Board and served upon Byron D. Olsen, Attorney for Applicant, at 1543 Grantham Street, Saint Paul, MN 55108-1449.

This Notice is filed under Title 49 C.F.R. Sec. 1150.41. If the Notice contains false or misleading information, the Exemption is void *ab initio*. The filing of a Petition to revoke will not automatically stay the transaction.

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--- ACQUISITION AND OPERATION EXEMPTION ---
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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

The Mohall Central Railroad, Inc., a North Dakota corporation and a common carrier by rail, hereby files this Verified Notice of Exemption pursuant to Title 49 U.S.C. Section 10902, and Title 49 C.F.R. Section 1150.41 et. seq. and states as follows:

**49 C.F.R. SECTION 1150.43
INFORMATION TO BE CONTAINED IN NOTICE FOR SMALL LINE
ACQUISITIONS**

(a) Name and Address of Rail Carrier Applicant:

Gregg Haug, President
Mohall Central Railroad, Inc.
100 Railroad Avenue
Fordville, ND 58231
Phone: 701-229-3330
Fax: 701-229-3365

The Mohall Central Railroad is a Class III common carrier by railroad.

(b) Applicant's Representative:

Byron D. Olsen
Attorney at Law
1543 Grantham Street
Saint Paul, MN 55108-1449
Phone: 651-646-5534
Fax: 701-229-3365

(c) Status of Agreement:

Agreement has been reached with BNSF Railway Company, and a sale agreement will be executed prior to closing.

(d) The Operator of the Property:

Northern Plains Railroad, Inc., a common carrier by rail and a North Dakota corporation ("NPR") will be the operator of the line to be acquired. Mohall Central will enter into an operating agreement with NPR for operation of the line. A track connection between NPR and the line to be acquired will be constructed near Munich, ND .

(e) Summary of the Proposed Transaction:

(1) Transferring Railroad.

The present owner of the line to be acquired is BNSF Railway Company, a Delaware corporation, 2500 Lou Menk Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76131.

(2) Time Schedule for Consummation.

The sale will be closed October 18, 2005 and operations transferred to Mohall Central the later of 12:01a.m. October 19, 2005, or the date this Notice becomes effective.

(3) Mileposts of the Property Being Acquired.

The line being acquired extends from milepost 3.75 near Lakota, ND, north to the end of track at milepost 72.9 at Sarles, ND.

(4) Total Route miles being Acquired.

The total route miles being acquired are 69.15

(f) Map of Area Being Served.

See Exhibit A.

(g) Certificate of Projected Revenues

The projected annual revenues of Mohall Central Railroad, Inc. from the proposed operation will not exceed \$ 5 million, nor exceed those of a Class III railroad. See also Exhibit B.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Byron D. Olsen", written over a horizontal line.

Dated: September 30, 2005

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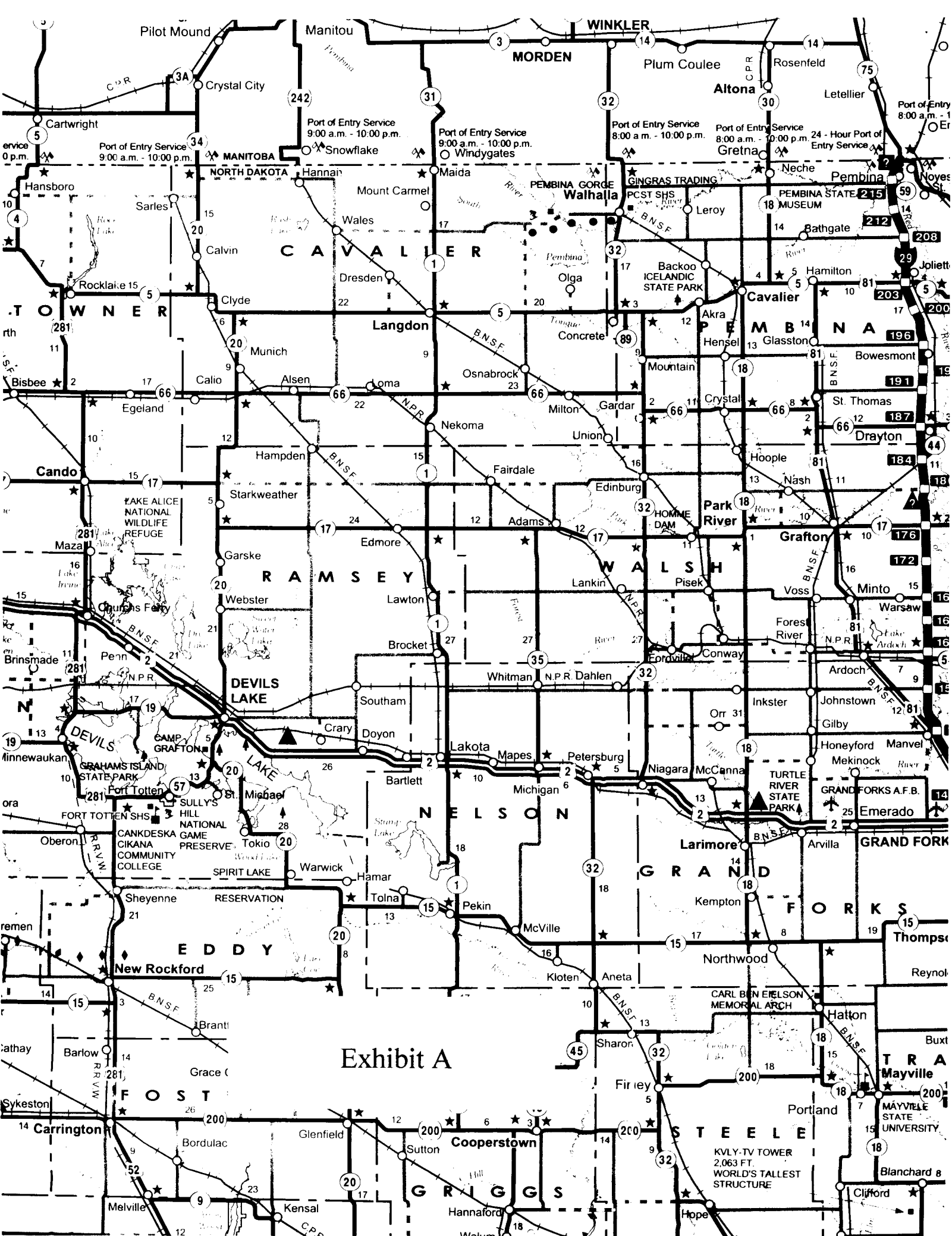


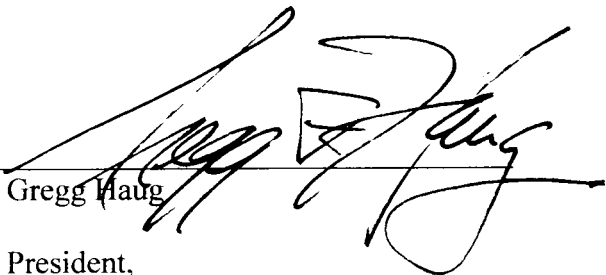
Exhibit B

Verification and Certification

I, Gregg Haug, President of the Mohall Central Railroad, Inc. declare under penalty of Perjury, under the laws of the United States of America, that I have read the foregoing Verified Notice of Exemption and that the assertions contained therein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I certify that the projected revenues of the Mohall Central Railroad, Inc. after the proposed acquisition will not exceed those of a Class III railroad. I further declare that I am qualified and authorized to submit this Verification and Certification on behalf of the Mohall Central railroad, Inc.

Dated at Duluth, Minnesota this ~~30th~~ day of September, 2005.



Gregg Haug

President,

Mohall Central Railroad, Inc.