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June 15, 2006

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

**RE: STB Finance Docket No. 34177, Iowa, Chicago &
Eastern Railroad Corporation - Acquisition and
Operation Exemption, et al;**

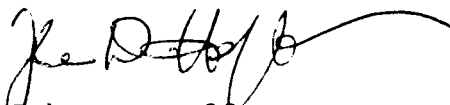
**STB Finance Docket No. 34178, Dakota, Minnesota &
Eastern Railroad Corporation, et al,**

Dear Mr. Williams:

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I am enclosing for filing in the above-captioned proceedings an original and ten copies of a letter prepared by Owatonna City attorney Mark Walbran advising the Board that Owatonna is withdrawing the filing the City had previously submitted on June 1, 2006. Accordingly, Owatonna now supports these projects.

Please date stamp and return one copy for my records.

Sincerely yours,


John D. Heffner

Enclosure

cc: All Parties

THE CITY OF



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STB Finance Docket No. 34178, Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad Corporation, et al.

Dear Mr. Williams:

The purpose of this letter is to withdraw the filing made by the City of Owatonna in the above-captioned proceeding on June 1, 2006 based upon further discussion had between the City of Owatonna and the DM&E, Petitioner.

Further, this letter confirms the City's support of the project as more fully set forth in the City's Partnership Agreement dated March 10, 2000.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

Mark M. Walbran
City Attorney

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