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Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
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Dear Secretary Williams:

Subject: STB Finance Docket No. 35081
Canadian Pacific Railway company, et al - Control - Dakota,
Minnesota & Eastern Railroad Corp, et al

Enclosed for filing are the Iowa Department of Transportation's Notice of Intent to Participate and the Iowa Department of Transportation's comments on the procedural schedule and proposed transaction type.

Sincerely,

Neil Volmer, Director
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Enclosures

cc: Peggy Baer, Office of Rail Transportation, Iowa DOT
Tammy Nicholson, Planning, Programming and Modal Division, Iowa DOT

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Notice of Intent to Participate

The Iowa Department of Transportation submits its Notice of Intent to Participate as a Party of Record in the above-referenced proceeding. The Iowa Department of Transportation requests that the following person be added to the service list, and receive copies of all motions, pleadings, correspondence, and other filings made in connection with the above-referenced proceeding.

Prepared and submitted by,
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Comment on procedural schedule and proposed transaction type.

The Iowa Department of Transportation submits these comments on the proposed procedural schedule and transaction type. The proposed procedural schedule will not provide enough time for impacts to be adequately analyzed and additional time is needed for the public to analyze the case. We ask that the procedural schedule be revised and additional review time added.

The Iowa Department of Transportation believes this case should be treated as a "significant" transaction not a "minor" transaction, under the STB regulations at 49 CFR 1180.2. Given the scope of the proposed acquisition (over 2,500 miles of rail lines in eight states), it clearly has regional transportation significance. A "significant" transaction determination would give the Iowa Department of Transportation sufficient opportunity to analyze the impacts of the proposed purchase.

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