



January 25, 2008

Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW
Washington DC 20423-0001

RE: Notice of Intent to Participate in Proceeding on CP-DME merger
Docket # -- FD_ 35081 _ 0

The North Dakota Wheat Commission is filing this letter with the Surface Transportation Board as our Notice of Intent to Participate in the upcoming proceedings regarding the CP-DME merger. Our organization represents all the wheat producers in the state of North Dakota through a voluntary check-off that is collected from producers upon the sale of their crop. Rail issues, like this upcoming merger proceeding, are important to the wheat producers in our state, because rail transportation cost, availability and service are significant variables in our ability to compete for domestic and international customers.

Please let us me know if you have any questions about this Notice of Intent to Participate and if we need to provide any further information.

Sincerely,

Jim Peterson
Marketing Director

4023 State Street
Bismarck, ND 58503-0690

Tel: 701/328-5111

Fax: 701/328-5115
e-mail: ndwheat@ndwheat.com
web site: <http://www.ndwheat.com>