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[Address]

Re: Termination of fee payments for utility crossing(s) in public right-of-way

Dear [Railroad Contact]:

In 2016, Minnesota Statutes Section 237.045 (2016) was enacted to encapsulate the rights and responsibilities of utilities and railroads with regard to utility facilities that cross above or below railroad tracks. I have enclosed a copy of that statute for your reference.

Among its provisions, the statute codifies existing case law that prohibits railroads from charging fees to utilities for laying facilities across or under railroad tracks within public right-of-ways. (See subd. 6 (c)).

[Utility] is currently making payments for the crossing of [railroad] property at mile mark x.xx at [highway/street] in [County], which is in a public right-of-way. This letter serves as notice that [utility] will no longer be making payments to [railroad] for this crossing

Sincerely,