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To All Milwaukee Road Employees:

Last week Trustee Ogilvie challenged the Iowa Department of Transportation to take a good look at alternatives before recommending the use of public funds to finance a private railroad operation.

In a statement filed with the Transportation Commission, Governor Ogilvie presented his views on the pending Heartland Rail Corporation application to secure a \$15 million loan from the Iowa Finance Authority. As a corporate citizen of Iowa, he said the Milwaukee Road has a major stake in the outcome of the Authority's action on the application.

Heartland proposes to use public funds received from the Authority to purchase portions of the former Rock Island Lines east-west right-of-way between Council Bluffs, Iowa, and Bureau, Illinois, and to acquire operating rights over former Rock Island tracks between Bureau and Chicago.

Trustee Ogilvie stated the Milwaukee has provided, without taxpayer assistance, rail service to customers on the old Rock Island line between Davenport and Iowa City for the past three and one-half years.

He pointed out that the Milwaukee Road has sought to purchase and permanently operate this 54-mile segment and had, in fact, reached agreement in principle to buy the trackage from Chicago Pacific Corporation, the Rock's successor. The acquisition would be financed and the track rehabilitated wholly with private funds, just as had an earlier \$17 million purchase of former Rock Island trackage from Clinton, Iowa, through Muscatine to Washington.

Trustee Ogilvie said acquisition of the Iowa City line is vitally important to the success of his reorganization plan, which has the support of the State of Iowa.

"Our concern in this instance is that the full range of private solutions be thoroughly investigated on a public record before a course of action is decided. Is the pending Heartland plan the only solution to Iowa's transportation concerns? Are there other, privately financed, possibilities that should be looked at carefully, such as segment or 'pocket' oriented approaches? Some private sector answers are already on the table and others may well arise. It is premature to terminate this process by selecting a new and untried plan to the exclusion of fiscally sound alternatives. Milwaukee Road has already tested its proposed acquisition and operation of the Iowa City segment in the marketplace. We know it works," Governor Ogilvie said.

"At a minimum, Heartland's proposal must be scrutinized thoroughly on a public record participated in by all interested parties. Those parties, including the responsible public bodies, must be furnished all relevant background and information by Heartland, and given a meaningful opportunity to analyze and test the Heartland plan and other alternatives against demonstrated public need. To do this, a full evidentiary hearing is required, rather than the opportunity for submission of comments presently permitted," Trustee Ogilvie added.

On August 27, the Iowa Railway Association filed suit in the Iowa District court for Polk County seeking an injunction against the use of public road-use funds loaned to the Iowa Finance Authority for a private carrier purchase. A hearing on that petition is set for September 12.

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By Presidential Proclamation, Fire Prevention Week will be observed October 7-13, this year. In reality, we should all look upon fire prevention as a year-round job, not just a subject for concern during a designated week.

The theme this year is "Learn Not to Burn - Join the Prevention Team."

Statistics provided by the National Fire Protection Association reveal cigarettes to be the leading cause of all accidental multiple-death fires. Fixed or portable heating equipment is the second most common cause. Multiple-death means three or more victims. More than half of all victims in multiple-death fires are children 15 years old and younger. NFPA statistics further indicate the greatest number of multiple-death fires occur during the winter months and between the hours of 8 p.m. and 8 a.m.

Fire Prevention Week is an appropriate time to think about preventive measures...to take inventory of our properties and eliminate potential fire hazards...and to resolve to practice fire prevention actively and regularly in the future.

We help ourselves and safeguard our homes and places of employment when we do. We have everything to gain and nothing to lose. Fires can be prevented, and we can do it!

Fire Prevention Week is regularly scheduled to coincide with the anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire, which occurred on October 8, 1871.

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This is a special message to Chicagoland employees as we prepare to launch our annual United Way/Crusade of Mercy/Heart Association campaign.

Who cares? You care. No doubt you've heard people ask: "Why should I give to the United Way?" Many of those people may have been among the thousands in the past several years who've suddenly entered the ranks of "the new poor." They were people who never dreamed they would wind up unemployed or

struggling to find food, clothing, and shelter. They never imagined having to ask for help or to receive emergency assistance from anyone. Yet, one thing is certain...those who needed help were glad that United Way-supported services were there. They were glad that you said: "I care."

The United Way marks its fiftieth year of caring with the 1984 campaign; 50 years of caring for the handicapped, seniors and abandoned children. In addition, contributions to United Way fund a wide range of services that meet many other needs of individuals and families, and even though the campaign is conducted where you work, your local community - in the city or suburbs - benefits from the gift you make.

A surprisingly large number of people don't know that the United Way helps fund the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Camp Fire, YMCA, and YWCA. These organizations are positive influences in your community, providing social and self-supportive activities for teens and children. In addition, many other agencies provide supportive services for families, individuals, and children.

As in 1983, the Heart Association will be included in our fund raising campaign again this year because they are fighting against the No. 1 cause of death among Americans, heart attacks. They also provide many vital services to our employees, such as CPR training and blood pressure screening.

Last year many of you helped to make the United Way/Crusade of Mercy/Heart Association campaign a huge success. We raised \$100,800, which was \$10,200 over our goal. I hope this year you will be able to help out again.

We still have a great deal of giving potential, but we need to unite together in this effort, union and management. If every employee on the Milwaukee Road gave his/her Fair Share, we could raise \$417,000. Let's see if we can raise 28% of that, or \$116,000, to help those who need our assistance now.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'W. L. Smith', with a stylized, flowing script.

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