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**PETER GILBERTSON ELECTED PRESIDENT OF
MINNESOTA REGIONAL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION**

ST. PAUL, Minn.-- Peter A. Gilbertson has been elected president of the Minnesota Regional Railroad Association (www.minnesotarailroads.com), effective January 1, 2007. He succeeds William F. Drusch, chairman of the Twin Cities & Western and Red River Valley & Western railroads. Mr. Gilbertson is president of Anacostia & Pacific Company, Inc. (www.anacostia.com), a Chicago-based rail development firm with five operating rail affiliates, including: Chicago SouthShore & South Bend, the Louisville & Indiana, New York & Atlantic, Northern Lines Railway, and Pacific Harbor Line, Inc. railroads.

Other new officers include:

First vice president -- Lynn Anderson, senior vice president of marketing, Cedar American Rail Holdings, Inc., Sioux Falls, S.D.;

Second vice president -- Dan Rickel, president, Northern Lines Railway, St. Cloud, Minn.;

Secretary-treasurer -- Andy Thompson, president, Red River Valley & Western Railroad, Wahpeton, N.D.

All have been elected to a two-year term. John Apitz of Messerli & Kramer, P.A., a St. Paul law firm, continues to serve as executive director.

The Minnesota Regional Railroads Association was formed in 1987 and represents ten smaller railroads that operate about one-fourth of Minnesota's 4,500 route miles of track, plus two Class I carriers that are associated with the MRRA in support of its goals. MRRA carriers provide rail service to more than 160 communities and employ about 500 men and women throughout the state.

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