

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-2309

January 30, 2014

E. Hunter Harrison
CEO
Canadian Pacific
7550 Ogden Dale Road S.E.
Calgary, AB T2C 4X9
Canada

Dear Mr. Harrison:

Minnesota is experiencing a severe, ongoing supply shortage of propane fuel, and I am writing to urge you to take any reasonable actions to increase shipments of this important fuel to Minnesota. Households and businesses in my state have seen significant spikes in the price of propane fuel during the severe winter cold. Any further reduction in supply, and resulting increase in price, could leave my constituents without heat during a life-threatening cold snap.

Minnesota is one of 25 states nationwide that have issued an Emergency Declaration or Executive Order pertaining to the issue of propane delivery and transportation. In Minnesota, an estimated 250,000 homes rely on propane for heat. Since October, these homes have seen the price of propane increase from an average of \$1.67 per gallon to prices as high as \$6.67 per gallon.

To prevent any further price increase, Minnesotans are depending on all modes of transportation to bolster the supply of propane. Lives and livelihoods are at stake, and it is with that in mind that I urge you and your railroad to do all within your power to increase propane shipments to my state. Thank you in advance for any efforts you can undertake to help this dire situation.

Sincerely,



Al Franken
U.S. Senator

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Carl R. Ice
President and CEO
BNSF Railway
2650 Lou Menk Drive
Fort Worth, TX 76131-2830

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