- l Department of Revenue
- 2 Property Equalization Division

4 Adopted Rules Relating to Railroad Valuation

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- 6 Rules as Adopted
- 7 8106.0100 DEFINITIONS.
- 8 Subpart 1. Scope. As used in this chapter, the following
- 9 words, terms, and phrases have the meanings given to them by
- 10 this part. Some of the words, terms, and phrases are defined by
- 11 statute but are included here for completeness.
- 12 Subp. 2. Allocation. "Allocation" means the process by
- 13 which a fair and reasonable portion of each railroad's total
- 14 unit value is assigned to Minnesota for purposes of taxation.
- 15 Subp. 3. Apportionment. "Apportionment" means the process
- 16 of distributing that portion of the railroad's unit value which
- 17 has been allocated to Minnesota after deducting exempt and
- 18 nonoperating property to the various counties and taxing
- 19 districts in which the railroad company operates.
- 20 Subp. 4. Assessment/sales ratio. "Assessment/sales ratio"
- 21 means the ratio derived by dividing the estimated market value
- 22 of a property by its adjusted selling price and used as a
- 23 measure of the level of estimated market value to real or true
- 24 market value.
- Subp. 5. Book depreciation. "Book depreciation" means the
- 26 depreciation shown by a railroad company on its corporate books
- 27 and allowed the company by the Interstate Commerce Commission.
- Subp. 6. Capitalization rate. "Capitalization rate" means
- 29 an anticipated rate of return from an investment, a rate at
- 30 which income is processed (capitalized) to indicate the probable
- 31 capital value. This rate is usually expressed as a percentage.
- 32 Subp. 7. Equalization. "Equalization" means the
- 33 adjustment of the estimated market value of railroad operating
- 34 property to the apparent assessment/sales ratio of commercial
- 35 and industrial property.

- Subp. 8. Exempt property. "Exempt property" means
- 2 property which is nontaxable for ad valorem tax purposes by
- 3 statutes. Examples of such property are approved pollution
- 4 control equipment for which an exemption has been granted and
- 5 personal property otherwise exempt from taxation under Minnesota
- 6 Statutes, chapter 272.
- 7 Subp. 9. ICC. "ICC" means the Interstate Commerce
- 8 Commission, a federal regulatory agency.
- 9 Subp. 10. Mainline track. "Mainline track" means all
- 10 track reported to the ICC by the respondent railroad as main
- ll line.
- 12 Subp. 11. Nonoperating property. "Nonoperating property"
- 13 means all property owned by a railroad company which does not
- 14 fall under the definition of operating property. Nonoperating
- 15 property includes real property which is leased or rented or
- 16 available for lease or rent to any person which is not a
- 17 railroad company. Vacant land is presumed to be available for
- 18 lease or rent if it has not been used as operating property for
- 19 a period of at least one year preceding the valuation date. It
- 20 also includes: (a) land which is not necessary and integral to
- 21 the performance of railroad transportation services and which is
- 22 not used on a regular and continual basis in the performance of
- 23 these services; and (b) that portion of a general office
- 24 building and its proportionate share of land which is not used
- 25 for railway operations or purposes.
- Subp. 12. Obsolescence allowance. "Obsolescence allowance"
- 27 means the adjustment to be made to the gross cost indicator of
- 28 value to reflect the loss of economic usefulness or value
- 29 because of causes other than physical deterioration.
- 30 Subp. 13. Operating property. "Operating property" means
- 31 all property owned or used on a regular and continual basis by a
- 32 railroad company in the performance of railroad transportation
- 33 services, including without limitation, franchises,
- 34 rights-of-way, bridges, trestles, shops, docks, wharves,
- 35 buildings, and structures.
- 36 Subp. 14. Original cost. "Original cost" means the amount

- 1 paid for an asset as recorded on the railroad's books in
- 2 accordance with ICC accounting rules and regulations.
- 3 Subp. 15. PUC. "PUC" means the Minnesota Public Utilities
- 4 Commission.
- 5 Subp. 16. Railroad company. "Railroad company" means a
- 6 company which as a common carrier operates a railroad or a line
- 7 or lines of railway situated within or partly within Minnesota.
- 8 Subp. 17. Restated cost. "Restated cost" means the cost
- 9 of an asset recorded on a railroad's books after adjusting the
- 10 amount from a retirement-replacement-betterment accounting basis
- ll to a depreciation accounting basis, in accordance with Code of
- 12 Federal Regulations, title 49, part 1201 (effective January 1,
- 13 1983).
- 14 Subp. 18. Structure. "Structure" means all coal and ore
- 15 wharves or docks, station houses, depots, shops, office
- 16 buildings, and all other buildings with a restated cost of over
- 17 \$10,000.
- 18 Subp. 19. System. "System" means the total tangible
- 19 property, real and personal, of a company which is used in its
- 20 railroad operations in all states in which it operates.
- 21 Subp. 20. Unit value. "Unit value" means the value of the
- 22 system of a railroad company taken as a whole without any regard
- 23 to the value of its component parts.
- Subp. 21. Weighting. "Weighting" means the confidence or
- 25 reliability given to a factor or indicator. It is usually
- 26 expressed as a portion of 100 percent.
- 27 8106.0200 GENERAL PROCEDURES.
- 28 baws-of-Minnesota-1979,-chapter-303,-article-VII-(called
- 29 the-Θmnibus-Tax-Bill)-codified-as-Minnesota-Statutes,-sections
- 30 270-80-to-270-907-eliminated-the-gross-earnings-tax-on-Minnesota
- 31 railroads-and-replaced-it-with-an-ad-valorem-tax-on-all-railroad
- 32 operating-property---The-article-also-charges-the-commissioner
- 33 of-revenue-with-the-responsibility-of-developing-rules,-both
- 34 emergency-and-permanenty-which-will-implement-the-provisions-of
- 35 the-law-dealing-with-the-ad-valorem-method-of-taxing-railroads.

- 1 Subsequently,-Laws-of-Minnesota-1984,-chapter-502,-article-9
- 2 gave-additional-instructions-to-the-commissioner-regarding-the
- 3 method-of-valuing-railroad-property-and-the-equalization-of
- 4 these-valuations---This-article-also-gives-the-commissioner-the
- 5 authority-to-promulgate-emergency-rules-in-order-to-implement
- 6 these-valuation-and-equalization-procedures.
- 7 The methods, procedures, indicators of value,
- 8 capitalization rates, weighting percents, allocation factors,
- 9 apportionment standards, and equalization methods will be used
- 10 as described in this chapter for 1986 and subsequent years.
- 11 8106.0300 REPORTS REQUIRED.
- 12 Subpart 1. Reports to be filed. The data used in the
- 13 valuation, allocation, and apportionment processes will be drawn
- 14 from reports submitted to the Department of Revenue by the
- 15 railroad companies. These reports are to be filed with the
- 16 commissioner on or before April 30 of each year and shall
- 17 include:
- 18 A. the Minnesota Department of Revenue annual
- 19 railroad report;
- 20 B. the annual report to the Interstate Commerce
- 21 Commission;
- 22 C. the annual report to the Minnesota Public
- 23 Utilities Commission;
- D. the annual stockholders report; and
- 25 E. other commonly accepted sources of railroad
- 26 income, expense, capitalization, and debt and stock values such
- 27 as Standard and Poor's Stock Guide, Standard and Poor's
- 28 Statistical Service, Moody's Transportation Manual, and
- 29 Transportation Statistics in the United States, compiled by the
- 30 Interstate Commerce Commission.
- 31 Subp. 2. Reports examination. Periodic examination of the
- 32 supporting data for these reports will be made by the Department
- 33 of Revenue. The commissioner shall, upon written application
- 34 from the railroad, extend the filing date 30 days.
- 35 Subp. 3. Failure to file. In the event any railroad

- l company fails to file the required reports, the commissioner
- 2 shall make a valuation according to the commissioner's best
- 3 judgment based on available information.
- 4 Other sources of pertinent information may be consulted
- 5 only when necessary to make the valuation, allocation, and
- 6 apportionment required by parts 8106.0100 to 8106.0700. Said
- 7 sources will, when applicable, be used uniformly and will be
- 8 commonly accepted sources of data for which they are consulted.
- 9 Questions unique to the valuation of a particular railroad may
- 10 be resolved by consulting the books and records of the
- ll particular railroad involved.
- 12 8106.0400 VALUATION.
- Subpart 1. In general. The-Minnesota-legislature-has-said
- 14 that-railroads-may-be-valued-using-the-unit-basis-of-estimating
- 15 value -- Consequently, -the commissioner has -chosen to -use this
- 16 method. The approaches to value that will be used in
- 17 determining the estimated unit value of railroad operating
- 18 property are cost, capitalized income, and stock and debt except
- 19 as provided in subparts 4 and 6. It-is-the-decision-of-the
- 20 commissioner-of-revenue-that-for-1986-and-subsequent-years-the
- 21 value-of-railroad-property-will-be-determined-using-these-three
- 22 approaches-to-value,-where-applicable,-in-the-manner-provided-in
- 23 this-part-until-time-or-conditions-warrant-a-change-in-either
- 24 methods-or-procedures.
- Subp. 2. Cost approach to valuation. The cost factor that
- 26 will be considered in the railroad valuation method is the
- 27 restated cost of the railroad system, plus the restated cost of
- 28 construction work in progress on the assessment date. The
- 29 railroad system shall be considered to be made up of the
- 30 following ICC accounts: all road and equipment accounts,
- 31 including leased equipment accounts; all general expenditures;
- 32 and other elements of investment and railroad property owned and
- 33 leased to others as well as railroad property leased from
- 34 others. Book depreciation and obsolescence shall be allowed as
- 35 a deduction from the restated cost of the railroad's assets

- 1 enumerated above. The original cost if known, and the annual
- 2 lease payments of any leased operating property used by the
- 3 railroad must be reported to the commissioner in conjunction
- 4 with the annual railroad report. The commissioner shall
- 5 incorporate the value of the leased property into the railroad's
- 6 unit value utilizing this information.
- 7 If any railroad is not required by the ICC to restate the
- 8 cost of its assets in accordance with Code of Federal
- 9 Regulations, title 49, part 1201, the commissioner will make an
- 10 estimate based upon the best available information of the impact
- 11 of this restatement on the railroad's assets.
- Obsolescence will be calculated through the use of the
- 13 "Blue Chip Method." This method compares the railroad being
- 14 appraised with the best railroads in the country, the so-called
- 15 blue chip railroads. Three indicators of obsolescence will be
- 16 used. First, a five-year average rate of return will be
- 17 calculated for the railroad under appraisal. This rate of
- 18 return is computed by dividing the subject's annual net railroad
- 19 operating income for each of the most recent five years
- 20 preceding the assessment, by the railroad's total owned
- 21 transportation property less recorded depreciation and
- 22 amortization (net investment in railroad property) for each
- 23 corresponding year. The resulting five rates of return are then
- 24 averaged using a simple arithmetic average to arrive at a
- 25 five-year average rate of return. An example of this
- 26 computation is as follows:

27	XYZ	Railroad

28		•		
29		Net Railroad		Indicated Rate
30	Year O	perating Income	Net Investment	of Return
31		-		
32	19XX	\$2,700,000	\$31,500,000	8.57%
33	19XX	\$2,900,000	\$32,000,000	9.06%
34	19XX	\$3,100,000	\$33,500,000	9.25%
35	19XX	\$3,300,000	\$34,000,000	9.70%
36	19XX	\$3,530,700	\$35,000,000	10.08%
37			Tot	al 46.66%
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39 Five-year Average Rate of Return

9.33%

- 40 A study will then be made of the major railroads operating
- 41 within the United States for the same five-year period using
- 42 such informational sources as Standard and Poor's Statistical

- Service, Moody's Transportation Manual, and Transportation 1
- 2 Statistics in the United States. Each year the railroad with
- 3 the highest rate of return will be selected as the blue chip
- 4 The resulting five rates of return will then be
- 5 averaged to find the five-year average blue chip rate of
- 6 return. An example of this process is as follows:

7	Year	Railroad	Rate of Return
8			
9	19XX	ABC	11.50%
10	19XX	FGH	11.27%
11	19XX	JKL	10.57%
12	19XX	MNO	11.02%
13	19XX	XYZ	10.08%
14		Total	54.44%
15			

16 Five-year Average Blue Chip Rate of Return 10.89%

- The five-year average rate of return for the railroad under 17
- 18 appraisal will be compared to the five-year average blue chip
- 19 rate of return. The deviation of the subject railroad's rate of
- 20 return from the blue chip railroads' rate of return is the
- amount of indicated obsolescence. The following example 21
- 22 illustrates the computation.

28

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- 23 XYZ Railroad 5-year Average Rate of Return 9.33% 24 Blue Chip 5-year Average Rate of Return 10.89% Indicated Obsolescence 25
- 26 $1 - (9.33\% \div 10.89\%)$
- Second, a five-year average freight traffic density 27
- 29 premise-that-increased-traffic-volume-reduces-unit-costs-and

indicator will be calculated. This-indicator-is-based-on-the

therefore-enhances-net-income; -thus; -as-traffic-density-rises

- 30
- 31 obsolescence-decreases. This indicator is calculated by
- dividing the subject railroad's ton miles of revenue freight for 32
- the most recent five years preceding the assessment by the 33
- 34 average miles of road operated for each corresponding year.
- 35 resulting five indicators of freight traffic density are then
- averaged using a simple arithmetic average to arrive at a 36
- 37 five-year average of freight traffic density. An example of
- 38 this computation is as follows:

39 40 XYZ Railroad

41 42 Ton Miles of Average Miles Indicated Freight 43 Year Revenue Freight of Road Operated Traffic Density

19XX 1,300,000,000 45 575 2,260,000

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14.30%

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1,402,500,000
                                   550
   19XX
                                                      2,550,000
   19XX
                                                      2,180,000
2
          1,200,000,000
                                   550
                                                      2,200,000
3
   19XX
          1,100,000,000
                                   500
4
          1,000,000,000
                                   500
   19XX
                                                      2,000,000
5
                                           Total
                                                     11,190,000
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7 Five-Year Average Freight Traffic Density 2,238,000

- 8 A five-year study is then made of the major railroads
- 9 operating within the United States in the same manner and using
- 10 the same sources as the rate of return study with the exception
- 11 that this study concentrates on the freight traffic density
- 12 achieved by the various major railroads. Each year the railroad
- 13 with the highest freight traffic density will be selected as the
- 14 blue chip railroad. The resulting five freight traffic density
- 15 amounts will then be averaged to find the five-year average blue
- 16 chip freight traffic density amount. An example of this process
- 17 is as follows:

18						
19	Year	Railroad		Freight	Traffic	Density
20						
21	19XX	JKL		2	,280,000	
22	19XX	FGH		2	,600,000	
23	19XX	FGH		2	,200,000	
24	19XX ·	MNO		2	,900,000	
25	19XX	ABC		2	,280,000	
26			Total	. 12,	,260,000	
27						• .
28	Five-year A					
29	Freight Tra	ffic Densi	ty	2	,452,000	

The five-year average freight traffic density indicator of
the railroad under appraisal will be compared to the five-year
average blue chip freight traffic density indicator. The
deviation of the subject railroad's freight traffic density from
the blue chip railroad's freight traffic density is the amount
of indicated obsolescence. The following example illustrates
this computation:

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38
XYZ Railroad Five-Year Average
39
Freight Traffic Density 2,238,000
40
Blue Chip Five-Year Average
41
Freight Traffic Density 2,452,000
42
Indicated Obsolescence
43
1 - (2,238,000 ÷ 2,452,000) 8.70%
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- Third, a five-year average gross profit margin indicator
- 45 will be calculated. This indicator measures a railroad's
- 46 ability to convert gross revenue to net profit, -and-would
- 47 therefore-be-an-important-consideration-to-an-investor --- A-high

- percentage-of-gross-profit-margin-indicates-a-more-efficient
- 2 railroad-in-converting-gross-revenue-to-net-profit-and-thus-this
- 3 railroad-is-less-economically-obsolete---A-low-percentage-of
- 4 gross-profit-margin-indicates-a-railroad-with-high-operating
- 5 expenses-and-a-good-deal-of-economic-obsolescence.
- indicator is calculated by dividing net railway operating 6
- income, before federal and deferred taxes, by gross revenues. 7
- 8 This calculation is performed using the subject railroad income
- 9 figures for the most recent five years preceding the assessment.
- The resulting five indicators of gross profit margin are then 10
- 11 averaged using a simple arithmetic average to arrive at a
- 12 five-year average of gross profit margin. An example of this
- 13 computation is as follows:

14							
15			XYX	Z Railr	coad		
16							
17		Net Rail	road				
18		Operating	Income			Ind	dicated Gross
19	Year	Before	Taxes	Gross	Revenue	Pr	ofit Margin
20							_
21	19XX	4,050,	000	15,00	000,000		27.0%
22	19XX	4,350,	000	15,80	000,000		27.5%
23	19XX	4,650,	000	16,50	00,000		28.2%
24	19XX	4,950,	000	17,30	000,000		28.6%
25	19XX	5,295,	000	19,00	00,000	-	27.9%
26						Total	139.2%
27							
28		Five-Year	Average	Gross	Profit	Margin	27.8%

29 A study will then be made of the major railroads operating 30 within the United States for the same five-year period in the 31 same manner and using the same sources in the two previous five-year studies mentioned above. This study will look at the 32 33 gross profit margin achieved by the various major railroads. 34 Each year the railroad with the highest gross profit margin will be selected as the blue chip railroad. The resulting five gross 35 profit margin percents will then be averaged to find a five-year

average blue chip gross profit margin percentage. An example of 37 38 this process is as follows:

39					
40	Year	Railroad	Gro	ss Profit Man	gin
41					-
42	19XX	ABC		30.0%	
43	19XX	ABC		31.2%	
44	19XX	JKL		29.9%	
45	19XX	FGH		32.6%	
46	19XX	JKL		33.3%	
47			Total	157.0%	

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 2
               Five-Year Average Blue Chip
 3
                  Gross Profit Margin
          The five-year average gross profit margin percent for the
    railroad under appraisal will be compared to the five-year
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 6
    average blue chip gross profit margin percent. The deviation of
 7
    the subject railroad's gross profit margin from the blue chip
    railroad's gross profit margin is the amount of indicated
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 9
    obsolescence. The following example illustrates this
10
    computation:
11
12
    XYZ Railroad Five-Year Average Gross Profit Margin
                                                             27.8%
13
    Blue Chip Five-Year Average Gross Profit Margin
                                                             31.4%
    Indicated Obsolescence 1 - (27.8% ÷ 31.4%)
14
                                                             11.5%
15
         The obsolescence percentage indicated by this comparison of
    gross profit margins will be added to the obsolescence indicated
17
    by a comparison of rates of return and freight traffic density.
    The total of these three amounts will be averaged and this
18
19
    result will be the overall obsolescence percentage for the
    subject railroad. The following is an example of this
20
21
    computation:
22
23
                          XYZ Railroad
24
         Obsolescence Indicated by
Rate of Return Comparison
Obsolescence Indicated by
25
26
                                                       14.30%
27
              Freight Traffic Density Comparison
28
                                                        8.70%
29
         Obsolescence Indicated by
30
              Gross Profit Margin Comparison
                                                       11.50%
31
32
                                            Total
                                                       34.50%
33
34
         Average Obsolescence Percentage
                                                       11.50%
35
         The obsolescence percentage will then be applied to the
36
    road accounts of the subject railroad, excluding land and
37
    personal property, after the allowance for depreciation has been
38
    deducted. In no instance shall the allowance for obsolescence
    exceed 50 percent. The following example illustrates how the
39
   cost indicator of value is computed and how the allowance for
40
41
   obsolescence is applied.
42
                              XYZ Railroad
43
            Account
                                                            Amount
44
45
   Road
                                                         $24,000,000
   Equipment -- Owned and Leased
46
                                                           9,000,000
47
    Construction Work in Progress
                                                           4,500,000
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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	General Expenditures Gross Cost Indicator Less Depreciation Net Cost Indicator Road Less Land and Personal Property Adjusted Road 1,823,000 39,323,000 10,000,000 \$29,323,000
10 11 12 13 14 15	Adjusted Road \$23,000,000 Depreciation on Adjusted Road 7,000,000 Net Road 16,000,000 Obsolescence Percent 11.5% Obsolescence Amount 1,840,000 Adjusted Cost Indicator of Value \$27,483,000
17	This cost indicator of value computed in accordance with
18	this part will bear a weighting of 15 percent of the total unit
19	value estimate of the railroad's property, except in the case of
20	bankrupt railroads, or railroads with no income to be
21	capitalized, as provided for in subpart 6, or railroads not
22	meeting the criteria for use of the stock and debt approach to
23	value as specified in subpart 4. These railroads will be valued
24	using a 40 percent weighting for the cost indicator of value.
25	Subp. 3. Income approach to valuation. The income
26	indicator of value will be calculated by averaging the net
27	railway operating income, as determined by the ICC, of the
28	railroad for the most recent five years preceding the
29	assessment. This average income shall be capitalized by
30	applying to it a capitalization rate which will be computed by
31	using the band of investment method. This method will consider:
32	A. the capital structure of railroads, including
33	capital surplus and retained earnings;
34	B. the cost of debt or interest rate paying
35	particular attention to imbedded debt of railroads;
36	C. the yield on preferred stock of railroads; and
37	D. the yield on common stock of railroads.
38	For 1986 this capitalization rate will be 14.0 percent.
39	This rate will be recalculated each year using the method
40	described in this subpart.
41	An example of a computation of the capitalized income
42	approach to value is as follows:
43 44	XYZ Railroad

1		Net Railway
2	Year	Operating Income
3		-
4	19XX	\$ 2,600,000
5	19XX	2,700,000
6	19XX	3,000,000
7	19XX	3,100,000
8	19XX	3,492,500
9	Total	\$14,892,500
10		
11	Average	\$ 2,978,500

- 12 Five-year average Net Railway Operating Income Capitalized at
- 13 14.0 percent (2,978,500 ÷ 14.0 percent) equals \$21,275,000.
- 14 The income indicator of value computed in accordance with
- 15 this part shall be weighted 60 percent of the total estimated
- 16 unit value of the railroad's property except in the case of
- 17 bankrupt railroads or railroads having no net operating income
- 18 as provided for in subpart 6.
- 19 Subp. 4. Stock and debt approach to valuation. The stock
- 20 and debt approach to value is the third method which will be
- 21 used to estimate the unit value of the railroad operating
- 22 property. This approach to value is based on the accounting
- 23 principle: assets = liabilities + equity. Therefore, when the
- 24 value of a company's liabilities (debt) is found and this added
- 25 to the worth of its stock, a value can be established for its
- 26 assets (property).
- The use of this approach to value will be limited to only
- 28 those railroads meeting qualifications in items A to C:
- A. The stock of the railroad must be traded on either
- 30 the New York or American Stock Exchange.
- 31 B. The bonds of the railroad must be traded or have a
- 32 rating by either Standard and Poor's or Moody's rating services.
- C. If the railroad is part of a diversified company,
- 34 the value of the railroad portion of the total stock price must
- 35 be able to be separated on an earnings basis using the following
- 36 method:

37 XYZ Railroad

38
39 XYZ railroad is wholly owned by ABC Industries Inc.

40			
41	Net Earnings of ABC Industries	\$5,20	0,500
42	Net Earnings of XYZ Railroad	\$2,60	•
43	Percent of XYZ net earnings to	, ,	
44	total conglomerate earnings		50%
45	Value of share of ABC Industries stock	\$	100

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XYZ Railroad portion of stock value
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         If a railroad has no net earnings, and is part of a
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    conglomerate, then the stock and debt indicator of value will
 4
    not be used.
         The value of the stock used in the stock and debt method
 5
 6
    shall be an average of the month-ending stock prices for the 12
    months immediately preceding the assessment date of January 2.
 7
 8
    The value of the bonds, equipment obligations, and conditional
    sales contracts, and other long-term debts shall also be an
 9
10
    average of the cost of money quotes for the 12 months
    immediately preceding the assessment date of January 2.
11
12
    source for these stock and bond prices shall be Standard and
13
    Poor's Stock Guide or other applicable financial service.
14
         An illustration of a computation of the stock and debt
15
    approach to value is as follows:
16
                             XYZ Railroad Company
17
       Shares of Common Stock issued x
18
19
       Average price for preceding year
20
                                        1,000,000 \times $12 = $12,000,000
21
       Shares of Preferred Stock x
22
       Average price for preceding year
23
                                           100,000 \times \$15 = \$1,500,000
24
       Rate and face value of bonds \boldsymbol{x}
       Average price for class of bonds
25
26
       for preceding year
27
             A rated 8\% bonds $10,000,000 x 99% of par = $ 9,900,000
28
29
       Stock and Debt Indicator of Value
                                                           $23,400,000
30
         After the gross stock and debt indicator of value has been
    computed, an allowance will be made for the effect, if any, of
31
32
    revenue from other than railway operations included in this
33
    indicator of value. This allowance shall be based on the ratio
    of a five-year average of net revenue from railway operations,
34
35
    as determined by the ICC, to a similar five-year average of
    income available for fixed charges as determined by the ICC.
36
37
    The five-year average will be the most recent five years
38
    preceding the assessment date. An example of this computation
39
    is as follows:
40
                             XYZ Railroad Company
41
42
                      Net Revenue from
                                                  Income Available for
43
         Year
                      Railway Operations
                                                      Fixed Charges
44
45
         19XX
                         $ 3,000,000
                                                       $ 3,500,000
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\$21,300,000

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1
         19XX
                            4,000,000
                                                            4,300,000
                                                            5,700,000
 2
         19XX
                            5,200,000
 3
         19XX
                            6,000,000
                                                           6,800,000
                            5,200,000
 4
         19XX
                                                            5,400,000
 5
                          $23,400,000
                                                         $25,700,000
6
7
                                                         $ 5,140,000
         Average
                          $ 4,680,000
8
         Ratio $4,680,000 \div $5,140,000 = 91%
         Gross Stock and Debt Indicator of Value
10
                                                         $23,400,000
11
         Ratio of Operating to Non-carrier Earnings
                                                                   91%
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13 The stock and debt indicator of value computed in

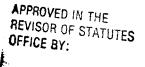
Net Stock and Debt Indicator of Value

- accordance with this part will bear a weighting of 25 percent of 14
- 15 the total unit value of the railroad's property, except in the
- 16 case of bankrupt railroads, railroads in bankruptcy proceedings,
- or railroads with no income to be capitalized, as provided for 17
- 18 in subpart 6. If no stock and debt indicator of value is
- 19 computed, the weighting of 25 percent which would have been
- 20 applied to this indicator of value will be placed on the cost
- indicator of value. 21
- 22 Subp. 5. Unit value computation. The estimated unit value
- 23 of the railroad property will be the total of the three weighted
- 24 indicators of value. The following is an example of the
- 25 computation of the unit value.

26 27	XYZ	Railroad		
28 29	Valuation Approach	Value	Weighting	
30	Cost indicator of value	\$27,483,000	15%	\$ 4,122,500
31 32	Income indicator of value Stock and debt indicator of	21,275,000	60%	12,765,000
33	value	21,300,000	25%	5,325,000
34			Unit Value	\$22,212,500

- 35 The weighting shown above may vary from railroad to
- 36 railroad, as provided for in subparts 2 to 47-depending-on-the
- 37 conditions-and-circumstances-involved-in-each-valuaton.--For
- 38 example,-a-railroad-with-no-outstanding-stock-would-not-have-a
- 39 computation-for-a-stock-and-debt-indicator-of-value-and,
- 40 therefore, the cost-indicator-of-value-would-be-weighted-40
- 41 percent.
- 42 Subp. 6. Railroads operating at a loss, bankrupt railroads
- 43 involved in federal bankruptcy proceedings, and railroads
- 44 adjudged bankrupt by a federal court. Railroads which are
- involved in federal bankruptcy proceedings, adjudged bankrupt, 45

- 1 or railroads having no net railway operating income will be
- 2 valued using the cost and stock and debt approaches to value.
- 3 If the stocks or bonds of such railroads are not traded, or do
- 4 not meet the other requirements for use of the stock and debt
- 5 indicator of value, then these railroads will be valued using
- 6 the cost approach to value only.
- 7 8106.0500 ALLOCATION.
- 8 Subpart 1. In general. After the estimated unit value of
- 9 the railroad property has been determined, the portion of value
- 10 which is attributable to Minnesota must be established. This is
- 11 accomplished through the use of certain allocation factors.
- 12 Each of the factors in the allocation method shows a
- 13 relationship between the railroad system operations in all
- 14 states and its Minnesota operations. These relationships are
- 15 expressed in percentage figures. These percentages are then
- 16 added and an average is computed. The resulting average of the
- 17 factors, multiplied by the unit value, yields the Minnesota
- 18 portion of the railroad property which will, after the
- 19 adjustments described in parts 8106.0600 and 8106.0800, be
- 20 subject to ad valorem tax in Minnesota.
- 21 Subp. 2. Allocation factors. The factors to be considered
- 22 in making allocations of unit values to Minnesota for railroad
- 23 companies are: -
- A. miles of railroad track operated in Minnesota
- 25 divided by miles of railroad track operated in all states;
- 26 B. ton miles of revenue freight transported in
- 27 Minnesota divided by ton miles of revenue freight transported in
- 28 all states;
- 29 C. gross revenues from transportation operations
- 30 within Minnesota divided by gross revenues from transportation
- 31 operations in all states; and
- D. cost of road property in Minnesota divided by the
- 33 cost of road property in all states.
- 34 The following example illustrates the allocation method to
- 35 be applied to the unit value of railroad property.



eligible for this exclusion.

1	XYZ Railroad	•
2 3 4 5	Minnesota miles of track Total miles of track	$\frac{100}{500} = 20\%$
6 7 8 9	Minnesota ton miles of revenue freight Total ton miles of revenue freight	$\frac{2,200,000}{9,000,000} = 24\%$
10 11 12 13	Minnesota gross transportation revenue Total gross transportation revenue	\$10,000,000 $$\frac{40,000,000}{}$ = 25%
14 15 16 17	Minnesota cost of road property Total cost of road property	$\frac{2,990,000}{13,000,000} = 23\%$
18 19 20 21	Total Minnesota Percent of Unit Value	92% 23%
22	Total Unit Value (\$22,212,500 x 23%) = Minnesota Portion of Unit Value	\$5,108,875
23	8106.0600 ADJUSTMENTS FOR NONFORMULA ASS	ESSED PROPERTY OR EXEM

- 23 8106.0600 ADJUSTMENTS FOR NONFORMULA ASSESSED PROPERTY OR EXEMPT 24 PROPERTY.
- After the Minnesota portion of the unit value of the railroad company is determined, property which is either exempt from taxation, such as pollution control equipment and personal property, or classified as nonoperating will be deducted from the Minnesota portion of the unit value to the extent that it has been included in the computation of this value.
- Property which has been included in the computation of the unit value but has been defined as nonoperating property will be valued by the local assessor. The Minnesota portion of the unit value will be reduced by the restated cost of this property.

 Only nonoperating property located within Minnesota will be
- 37 The railroad company shall have the responsibility to
 38 submit to the commissioner of revenue, in the form required by
 39 the commissioner, such schedules of nonoperating property as the
 40 commissioner may require.
- In addition to nonoperating property which will be valued and assessed locally, a deduction from the Minnesota portion of the unit value will be made for personal property. The-unit value-method-presupposes-that-the-value-of-any-one-portion-of the-unit-is-interdependent-upon-all-other-elements-of-the-unit;

- 1 therefore, -it-is-extremely-difficult-to-make-a-separation-of
- 2 this-value-into-real-and-personal-property.
- 3 A percentage of the Minnesota portion of the unit value
- 4 after deducting nonoperating and exempt property will be
- 5 excluded as personal property. This percentage will be computed
- 6 in the following way:
- 7 A. The following ICC accounts for property within
- 8 Minnesota will be totaled:
- 9 (1) that portion of coal and ore wharves
- 10 determined to be personal property;
- (2) communication equipment;
- 12 (3) signals and interlockers;
- 13 (4) roadway machines;
- 14 (5) shop machinery;
- 15 (6) power plant machines; and
- 16 (7) equipment, allocated to Minnesota on the
- 17 basis of car and locomotive miles in Minnesota compared to total
- 18 system car and locomotive miles.
- B. The total of these accounts will then be divided
- 20 by the total of the Minnesota road, equipment, leased property,
- 21 general expenditures, construction work in progress, and other
- 22 elements of investment accounts. The resulting percentage will
- 23 be used to determine the personal property amount of the
- 24 Minnesota portion of the unit value. This amount will not be
- 25 taxable for ad valorem purposes.

Minnesota

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- 26 C. The following is an illustration of the
- 27 computation for the personal property exclusion.

28.		XYZ	Railway
29			-

30 31 32	Personal Property Account			mount in innesota
33	Coal and Ore Wharves		\$	189,200
34	Communication Equipment			100,000
35	Signals and Interlockers			200,000
36	Roadway Machines			200,000
37	Shop Machinery			100,000
38	Power Plant Machinery			100,000
39	* Equipment Owned and Leased		2,	,250,000
40			3,	139,200
41				
42	* Total Equipment Account	\$9,000,000		
43	Car and Locomotive Miles in	,		

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1 2	Total Car and Locomotive Miles Ratio of Minnesota to Total	4,000,000 25%	
3	Minnesota Allocated Equipment		
4	Account	\$2,250,000	
5 6			
6			Amount in
7	Restated Cost Account		Minnesota
8			
9	Road		\$2,990,000
10	Equipment Owned and Leased		2,250,000
11	Construction Work in Progress		800,000
12	General expenditures		500,000
13			\$6,540,000
14			
15	Minnesota Personal Property		
16	Accounts	\$3,139,200	
17	Minnesota Restated Cost	\$6,540,000	
18	Ratio of Personal Property to		
19	Cost	48%	
20			
21	Minnesota portion of unit value		5,108,875
22	Personal Property exclusion at 48%	;	2,452,260
23	Taxable Minnesota Portion of Unit		\$2,656,615

- 24 8106.0700 APPORTIONMENT.
- Subpart 1. In general. After the taxable Minnesota

 portion of the railroad's unit value has been determined, this

 value must be distributed to the various counties and taxing

 districts in which the railroad operates. This distribution
- 29 will be accomplished by the commissioner of revenue through the
- 30 use of certain apportionment components. Each of the components
- 31 in the apportionment method is a reflection of the property
- 32 owned or used by the railroad within a particular taxing
- 33 district. The figures making up these components will be
- 34 developed on information submitted by the railroad companies in
- 35 annual reports filed with the commissioner, and information
- 36 supplied to the commissioner by the various county auditors and
- 37 assessors.
- 38 Subp. 2. Apportionment components. There are three
- 39 components which will be used in the distribution of the value
- 40 of railroad property to the various taxing districts. They are
- 41 railroad operating land, miles of track, and railroad operating
- 42 structures with a restated cost of \$10,000 or more.
- Subp. 3. Railroad operating land. The information for the
- 44 computation of this apportionment component will be based on
- 45 information submitted by both the railroads and the various
- 46 county auditors and assessors. The railroad companies shall

- 1 file with the commissioner of revenue each year, in conjunction
- 2 with their annual reports required by part 8106.0300, subpart 1,
- 3 the number of acres of railroad operating land owned or used by
- 4 them in each taxing district in which they operate. The county
- 5 auditor shall also be required to submit to the commissioner of
- 6 revenue a report showing the number of acres of railroad
- 7 operating land, detailed by owning railroad, in each taxing
- 8 district within the county. If either the railroads or the
- 9 auditors find that it is administratively impracticable to
- 10 submit this information, the commissioner shall make an estimate
- 11 of the number of acres of railroad operating land within each
- 12 taxing district based on the best information available. Such
- 13 information would usually consist of the miles of railroad track
- 14 within the taxing district and the normal width of the
- 15 right-of-way used by the railroad. In addition, information
- 16 relative to the current estimated market value of all land
- 17 within the respective taxing districts will be obtained from the
- 18 county or city assessors by a review of the abstract of
- 19 assessment of real and personal property which the various
- 20 assessors are required to submit yearly to the commissioner of
- 21 revenue in compliance with Minnesota Statutes, section 273.061,
- 22 subdivision 9. A review will also be made of the abstract of
- 23 assessment of exempt real property which is submitted to the
- 24 commissioner of revenue by the various assessors in compliance
- 25 with Minnesota Statutes, section 273.18.
- The computation for the railroad operating land
- 27 apportionment component will be accomplished annually in the
- 28 following manner:
- 29 A. The average estimated market value per taxable
- 30 acre within a specific taxing district will be calculated by
- 31 dividing the estimated market value of all taxable land within
- 32 the taxing district as indicated by the most recent abstract of
- 33 assessment of real and personal property by the number of
- 34 taxable acres within the taxing district. The number of acres
- 35 within a taxing district will be obtained from the most recent
- 36 statistics available from the Land Management Information

1,000

- 1 Center, State Planning Agency. The total number of acres will
- 2 be adjusted to allow for nontaxable or exempt acres by
- subtracting these nontaxable or exempt acres from the total 3
- 4 acres. The number of nontaxable or exempt acres will be
- 5 obtained from the most recent abstract of assessment of exempt
- real property. The following example illustrates this 6
- calculation. 7

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- 8 Estimated Market Value of All Taxable Land
- Within Taxing District \$200,000 Total Area of Taxing District Nontaxable or Exempt Acres 10 210 Acres
- 11 10 Acres
- 12 Taxable Acres Within Taxing District 200
- 14 Average Estimated Market Value per Acre
- 15 This average estimated market value per taxable
- acre is then applied to the number of acres of railroad 16
- operating land within the taxing district to compute a gross 17
- railroad operating land component within the taxing district. 18
- The following example illustrates this computation: 19
- \$1,000 20 Average Estimated Market Value Per Acre 21 Acres of Railroad Operating Land 22
- 23 Gross Railroad Operating Land Component \$5,000
- 24 This railroad operating land component will then
- 25 be adjusted. This adjustment is achieved by striking a ratio
- 26 between the system unit value for all Minnesota railroads, as
- 27 described in part 8106.0400, subpart 5, to the total of net
- 28 investment in railway property used in transportation service as
- 29 defined by the ICC for all railroads operating in Minnesota.
- 30 This relationship will be computed annually and will then be
- 31 applied to the gross railroad operating land component to arrive
- at the adjusted railroad operating land component. 32
- 33 adjusted land value will then be used as one element of the
- 34 apportionment computation.
- The following is an example of how the adjusted railroad 35
- 36 operating land component is to be computed:

37 38			Net Investment in Railway Property Used in
39	Railroad	System Unit Value	Transportation Services
40	NDG D = 11	420 000 000	± 40 000 000
41 42	ABC Railway FGH Railway	\$20,000,000	\$ 40,000,000
43	JKL Railroad	5,256,000 2,000,000	8,000,000 4,780,830
44	MNO Railroad	50,000,000	90,000,000
		21,170,000	22,230,000

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1
         XYZ Railroad
                             22,212,500
                                                     25,000,000
 2
 3
                            $99,468,500
                                                   $165,780,830
 4
         Total System Unit Value ($99,468,500) : Total Net
 5
    Investment in Railway Property Used in Transportation Services
    (\$165,780,830) = 60\%
 6
         Gross Railroad Operating Land Component
 7
            Within the Taxing District
 8
                                                          $5,000
         Adjustment Factor
 9
                                                              60%
10
         Adjusted Railroad Operating Land Component
11
                                                          $3,000
         Subp. 4. Miles of track. The information for the
12
13
    computation of this apportionment component will be based on
    information submitted by the railroads to the commissioner of
14
15
    revenue in conjunction with the annual report required by part
16
    8106.0300, subpart 1. Each railroad will be required to list
17
    the miles of track they own in each taxing district within
18
    Minnesota. The track must be separated into two classes, main
19
    line track and all other track.
20
         In order to make the miles of track in each taxing district
    compatible with the other apportionment components, the miles
21
    must be converted to dollars. This conversion will be computed
22
    annually. The conversion will be accomplished by adding
23
24
    together the following ICC accounts for each railroad's net
25
    investment in Minnesota: account 3, grading; account 8, ties;
26
    account 9, rails; account 11, ballast.
                                             The total of these
27
    accounts will then be divided by the number of miles of track
    operated by the respective railroads within Minnesota to obtain
28
    a cost per mile figure. This will be used as the average cost
29
30
    per mile for track within Minnesota.
31
         The following is an example of how the average cost per
32
   mile of track in Minnesota will be computed:
33
                              Total of Accounts
                                                     Mileage Operated
34
         Railroad
                                #3, 8, 9, 11
                                                       in Minnesota
35
                                $ 4,000,000
36
         ABC Railway
                                                           154
37
         FGH Railway
                                    800,000
                                                            42
38
         JKL Railroad
                                    500,000
                                                            20
39
         MNO Railroad
                                  7,450,000
                                                           290
40
         XYZ Railroad
                                  2,500,000
                                                           104
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Total cost of track (\$15,250,000) ÷ Total miles operated

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\$15,250,000

- 1 (610) = Average Cost per Mile of Track \$25,000.
- 2 An-additional-calculation-is-necessary-to-adjust-this
- 3 average-cost-per-mile-of-track-to-allow-for-weighting. Main
- 4 line track shall be weighted at 1.5 times the cost of all other
- 5 track; thus, if the average cost per mile of track is \$25,000,
- 6 main line track would be worth more than \$25,000 per mile, while
- 7 all other track would be worth less. The calculation for the
- 8 average cost of both main line and all other track shall be made
- 9 annually on an industry basis.
- 10 The calculation to determine the average cost per mile of
- 11 main line track and the average cost per mile of all other track
- 12 will be computed in the following manner:
- 13 A. Total mileage operated will be multiplied by the
- 14 average cost per mile to arrive at a total track cost.
- B. Total mileage operated will be separated into the
- 16 two types of track, main line and all other track.
- 17 C. Main line track will be multiplied by 1.5 to
- 18 arrive at adjusted main line miles.
- D. Adjusted main line miles will be added to all
- 20 other track miles to arrive at adjusted total track miles.
- 21 E. Total track cost will be divided by adjusted total
- 22 track miles to arrive at the cost per mile of all other track.
- 23 F. The cost per mile of main line track will be
- 24 computed by multiplying the cost per mile of all other track by
- 25 1.5.
- 26 An illustration of this computation is as follows:

27		Mileage	Main Line	All other
28	Railroad	Operated	Miles	Track Miles
29		_		
30	ABC Railway	154	96	58
31	FGH Railway	42	10	32
32	JKL Railroad	20	15	5
33	MNO Railroad	290	132	158
34	XYZ Railroad	104	52	52
35				
36		<u>610</u>	305	305
37				
38	Total Mileage O	perated		610
39	Average Cost Pe	r Mile of Track		\$ 25,000
40	Total Track Cos	t		\$15,250,000
41				
42	Main Line Miles		305	
43	Weighting Facto	r	1.5	
44	-		•	
45	Adjusted Main L	ine Miles		457.5

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Other Track Miles
                                                       305.0
                                                       762.5
2
   Adjusted Total Track Miles
3
    Total Track Cost
                                                $15,250,000
   Adjusted Total Track Miles
5
                                                       762.5
6
   Average Cost Per Mile of Other Track
                                                $
                                                      20,000
7
8
    Average Cost Per Mile of Other Track
                                                $
                                                      20,000
9
    Weighting Factor
                                                         1.5
10
    Average Cost Per Mile of Main Line Track
                                                Ŝ
                                                      30,000
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- 11 After the per mile cost figures for main line and all other
- 12 track are obtained, these per mile cost figures would be
- 13 multiplied by the length of each type of track in a particular
- 14 taxing district to obtain the value of the trackage in that
- 15 district. The same cost figures will be used for all railroads
- 16 operating in Minnesota.

- 17 Subp. 5. Structures. The information for the computation
- 18 of this apportionment component will be based on statements
- 19 submitted by the railroads. These schedules shall be submitted
- 20 annually to the commissioner of revenue in conjunction with the
- 21 annual report required by part 8106.0300, subpart 1. The
- 22 schedules shall show the location, by taxing district, of all
- 23 operating structures owned by the reporting railroad within
- 24 Minnesota with a restated cost of \$10,000 or more. The
- 25 schedules shall list a description of the structure and the
- 26 railroad's current restated cost investment in the structure as
- 27 it appears in the appropriate ICC account.
- 28 An example of this listing is as follows:

30	Taxing District	Description	Restated Cost
31 32	St. Paul, S.D. #625	Office Building	\$400,000
33	Minneapolis, S.D. #1	Depot	20,000
34	Fridley, S.D. #16	Yard Tower	200,000
35	Anoka, S.D. #11	Engine and Car Shop	250,000

XYZ Railroad

36 37 Total \$870,000

- 38 Subp. 6. Apportionment computation. After-the-three
- 39 apportionment-components-have-been-calculated-for-each-taxing
- 40 district-in-which-the-railroad-operates,-the-apportionment-of
- 41 the-railroad's-taxable-Minnesota-portion-of-the-unit-value-can
- 42 begin:--This The apportionment of a railroad's taxable Minnesota
- 43 value is accomplished by totaling the amount of the land, track,
- 44 and structure components as developed in subparts 3 to 5 for

- 1 each taxing district, then finding the sum of these totals for
- .2 all the taxing districts in which the subject railroad
- 3 operates. The taxable Minnesota portion of the railroad's unit
- 4 value is divided by the total of the three apportionment
- 5 components for all taxing districts in which the railroad
- 6 operates in order to arrive at a percentage. This resulting
- 7 percentage is then applied to the total amount of the three
- 8 apportionment components for each specific taxing district. The
- 9 figure produced by this multiplication process is the taxing
- 10 district's share of the railroad's taxable Minnesota portion of
- 11 the unit value. #t-is-important-to-note-that No more value can
- 12 be distributed to the various taxing districts than that
- 13 produced by the valuation process described in parts 8106.0100
- 14 to 8106.0600.
- The example in part 8106.9900 illustrates the apportionment
- 16 process.
- 17 8106.0800 EQUALIZATION.
- 18 Subpart 1. In general. After the apportionment of value
- 19 referred to in part 8106.0700 has been made, the railroad
- 20 property values must be equalized to coincide with the
- 21 assessment levels of commercial and industrial property within
- 22 each respective county receiving a share of the apportioned
- 23 railroad value. This equalization will be accomplished through
- 24 the use of an assessment/sales ratio.
- Subp. 2. Assessment/sales ratio computation. Each-year
- 26 the-sales-ratio-section-of-the-Minnesota-Bepartment-of-Revenue,
- 27 Property-Equalization-Division,-prepares-a-comprehensive
- 28 assessment/sales-ratio-study-commonly-known-as-the-State-Board
- 29 of-Equalization-Sales/Ratio-study---This-study-is-used-by-the
- 30 State-Board-of-Equalization-to-equalize-assessment-levels-of-ad
- 31 valorem-property-among-various-counties-and-taxing-jurisdictions
- 32 within-Minnesota---The-study-is-conducted-in-many-parts- A
- 33 comprehensive assessment/sales ratio study compiled annually by
- 34 the sales ratio section of the Property Assessment and Review
- 35 Division of the Department of Revenue commonly known as the

- 1 State Board of Equalization Sales/Ratio Study will be used in
- 2 this computation. The portions of this study which will be used
- 3 for purposes of this section are known as the "County Commercial
- 4 and Industrial Sales Ratio."
- 5 This commercial and industrial (C & I) sales ratio is
- 6 computed through an analysis of the certificates of real estate
- 7 value filed by the buyers or sellers of commercial or industrial
- 8 property within each county. The information contained on these
- 9 certificates of real estate value is compiled pursuant to
- 10 requests, standards, and methods set forth by the Minnesota
- 11 Department of Revenue acting upon recommendations of the
- 12 Minnesota legislature. The most recent C & I study available
- 13 will be used for purposes of this section.
- 14 The median C & I sales ratio from the County Commercial and
- 15 Industrial Sales Ratio study will be used as a basis to estimate
- 16 the current year C & I median ratio for each county.
- The process used to estimate this current year median ratio
- 18 will be as follows.
- 19 The State Board of Equalization abstract of market value
- 20 will be examined. This-statistical-compilation;-commonly-called
- 21 the-mini-abstract,-is-filed-each-year-by-every-county-assessor,
- 22 with-the-commissioner-of-revenue---The-abstract-is-a-listing-of
- 23 the-current-estimated-market-values,-together-with-other
- 24 information-for-the-various-classes-of-property---residential
- 25 agricultural, commercial, industrial, recreational, etc.--
- 26 within-each-particular-county. The current estimated market
- 27 value of commercial and industrial property within each county
- 28 will be taken from this abstract. The amount of the value of
- 29 new commercial and industrial construction, ("new" meaning since
- 30 the last assessment period) as well as the value of commercial
- 31 and industrial property which has changed classification (i.e.
- 32 commercial to tax exempt property) will also be taken from the
- 33 abstract. The value of new construction will then be deducted
- 34 from the estimated market value, resulting in a net estimated
- 35 current year market value for commercial and industrial property
- 36 within the county. The value of commercial and industrial

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property which has changed classification will be deducted from
 1
 2
    the previous years estimated market value to arrive at a net
 3
    estimated previous year market value for commercial and
 4
    industrial property within the county. The net current year
 5
    value will be compared to the net previous year's estimated
    market value for commercial and industrial property within the
 6
 7
    county and the difference between the two values noted.
                                                                This
 8
    difference will be divided by the previous year's net estimated
 9
    market value for commercial and industrial property to find the
    percentage of increase, or decrease, in assessment level for
10
11
    each year. This percent of change will be applied to the most
    recent C & I median ratio to estimate the current year's C & I
12
13
    median ratio. An example of this calculation for a typical
    county is shown below.
14
15
    1986 Estimated Market Value for
16
     Commercial and Industrial Property
                                              $12,000,000
17
      Less: New Construction
                                                1,500,000
18
19
    1986 Net Estimated Market Value
20
     for Commercial and Industrial Property
                                                          10,500,000
21
22
    1985 Estimated Market Value for
     Commercial and Industrial Property
23
                                               10,250,000
      Less: Classification Changes
24
                                                  250,000
25
26
    1985 Net Estimated Market Value
27
     for Commercial and Industrial Property
                                                          10,000,000
28
29
30
    Difference 1985 vs. 1986
31
     Estimated Market Value
                                                             500,000
    Percent of Change (500,000 ÷ 10,000,000)
1985 Median Commercial and Industrial Ratio
32
                                                                    5%
33
                                                                   888
    1986 Estimated Median Commercial and
34
      Industrial Ratio (88% x 105%)
35
                                                                92.4%
36
         This same calculation is performed for each Minnesota
    county which contains operating railroad property. However, If
37
    there are five or fewer valid sales of commercial and industrial
38
39
   property within a county during the study period, it-is-the
40
    commissioner's-decision-that these few sales are insufficient to
41
    form the basis for a meaningful C & I ratio.
                                                   Therefore, the
   median assessment/sales ratio to be used for purposes of the
42
43
   above computation will not be the median C & I ratio but will be
    the weighted median ratio of all property classes within the
44
45
   county for which a sales ratio is available. This weighted
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median ratio is computed in the same manner using the same

- procedures and standards as the C & I ratio. In addition, the
- computation described above will not be performed using the 2
- commercial and industrial estimated market value but will use 3
- 4 the estimated market value for all property within the county.
- All other aspects of the calculations are identical except for 5
- this substitution.
- 7 The weighted median ratio is developed by multiplying the
- median ratio for each class of property (agricultural, 8
- residential, recreational, commercial) by the percentage of 9
- value that class of property comprises of the total county 10
- value. An example of this calculation is as follows: 11

12	•	·-	Percent		Weighted
13		Amount	of	Median	Median
14 15	Class of Property	of Value	Value	Ratio	Ratio
16	Residential	\$ 20,000,000	20%	85%	17.00%
17	Agricultural	55,000,000	55%	95%	52.25%
18	Seasonal -				
19	Recreational	5,000,000	5%	90%	4.50%
20	Commercial -				
21	Industrial	20,000,000	20%	85%	17.00%
22	TOTAL	\$100,000,000	100%		90.75%

- Subp. 3. Application of the estimated current year median 23
- assessment/sales ratio. After the estimated current year median 24
- ratio has been calculated pursuant to subpart 2, it is used to 25
- adjust the apportioned estimated market value of operating 26
- 27 railroad property to the apparent assessment level of commercial
- and industrial property in each county. This is done by 28
- factoring or multiplying the estimated market value of the 29
- railroad property by the estimated sales ratio to arrive at the 30
- 31 equalized market value of operating railroad property.
- instance will any adjustment be made if, after comparing the 32
- 33 estimated current year sales ratio to the assessment level of
- operating railroad property, the difference between the two is 34
- five percent or less. An example of this adjustment is as 35
- 36 follows:

37			Estimated	Equalized Estimated
38		Estimated Market	Current Year	Market Value of
39		Value of Railroad	Median Sales	Railroad Operating
40		Operating Property*	Ratio	Property
41				- -
42	County A	\$100,000	85%	\$ 85,000
43	County B	250,000	888	220,000
44	County C	300,000	90%	270,000
45	County D	150,000	92%	138,000

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- 1 County E 100,000 95% 100,000**
- 3 * For purposes of this example, assume that railroad property is
- 4 assessed at 100 percent of market value.
- 5 ** No adjustment made because estimated current year median
- 6 sales ratio is within five percent of assessment level on
- 7 operating railroad property.
- 8 All railroads operating within a particular county will be
- 9 equalized at the same percentage.
- 10 These equalized estimated market values of operating
- 11 railroad property will be certified to the county assessor
- 12 denoting specific railroads and taxing districts pursuant to
- 13 Minnesota Statutes, section 270.87.

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	LAND COMPONENT					TRACK COMPONENT					STRUCTURES		
Taxing District	Aver. F.M.V. Per Acre	# of R.R. Opr. Acres	Gross R.R. Land Component	Adj. R.R. Land Component <u>@ 60%</u>	, Miles <u>Main Line</u>	Value of Main Line @ \$30,000 Mile	Miles of all other Track	Value of All Other Track @ \$20,000	Total Track <u>Component</u>	Structures At Restated cost	Total of 3 Components	% of 3 Components to Unit Value*	Taxing Dist. Portion of Unit Value
St. Paul, S.D. #625	\$19,000	50	\$ 950,000	570,000	8	\$ 240,000			\$ 240,000	\$400,000	\$1,210,000	37.87%	\$ 458,285
Minneapolis, S.D. #1	20,000	80 ,	1,600,000	960,000	12	360,000			360,000	20,000	1,340,000	37.87%	507,522
Fridley, S.D. #16	15,000	95	1,425,000	855,000	6	180,000	20	\$ 400,000	580,000	200,000	1,635,000	37.87%	619,253
Coon Rapids, S.D. #11	13,000	70	910,000	546,000	9	270,000			270,000	*****	816,000	37.87%	309,059
Anoka, S.D. #11	12,000	20	240,000	144,'000'	4	120,000			120,000	250,000	514,000	37.87%	194,677
Ramsey, S.D. #11	10,000	60	600,000	360,000	11	330,000			330,000		690,000	37.87%	261,336
Elk River, S.D. #728	6,000	5	30,000	18,000	2	60,000			60,000		78,000	37.87%	29,542
Elk River Twsp., S.D. #72	8 2,000	20	40,000	24,000			8	160,000	160,000		184,000	37.87%	69,690
Big Lake, S.D. #727	3,000	4	12,000	7,200			4	80,000	80,000		87,200	37.87%	33,027
Big Lake Twsp., S.D. #72	7 1,000	100	100,000	60,000			20	400,000	400,000		460,000	37.87%	174,224
SP-N12		•	\$5,907,000	\$3,544,200		\$1,560,000	•	\$1,040,000	\$2,600,000	\$870,000	\$7,014,200		\$2,656,615
								of Unit Value for All Taxing	_	\$2,656,61 \$7,014,20	- J/,U//V		

- 1 REPEALER. Minnesota Rules, parts 8105.0100; 8105.0200;
- 2 8105.0300; 8105.0400; 8105.0500; 8105.0600; 8105.0700; and
- 3 8105.9900 are repealed.