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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 470X)]

BNSF Railway Company—Discontinuance of Trackage Rights Exemption—in Peoria and Tazewell Counties, IL

On February 16, 2010, BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) filed with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) a petition under U.S.C. 10502 for exemption from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10903 to discontinue overhead trackage rights over approximately 3 miles of rail line owned by Peoria and Pekin Union Railway Company, between Bridge Junction in Peoria and P&PU Junction in East Peoria, in Peoria and Tazewell Counties, IL.<sup>1</sup> The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 61602 and 61611.

The interest of railroad employees will be protected by the conditions set forth in Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

By issuance of this notice, the Board is instituting an exemption proceeding pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502(b). A final decision will be issued by June 4, 2010.

Because this is a discontinuance proceeding and not an abandonment, trail use/rail banking and public use conditions are not appropriate. Similarly, no environmental or historic documentation is required under 49 CFR 1105.6(c)(2) and 1105.8(b).

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<sup>1</sup> There are no known mileposts associated with the line.

Any offer of financial assistance (OFA) for subsidy under 49 CFR 1152.27(b)(2) will be due no later than 10 days after service of a decision granting the petition for exemption. Each OFA must be accompanied by the filing fee, which is currently set at \$1,500. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

All filings in response to this notice must refer to STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 470X) and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001; and (2) Karl Morell, 1455 F Street, N.W., Suite 225, Washington, DC 20005. Replies to the petition are due on or before March 29, 2010.

Persons seeking further information concerning discontinuance procedures may contact the Board's Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance at (202) 245-0238 or refer to the full abandonment and discontinuance regulations at 49 CFR part 1152. Questions concerning environmental issues may be directed to the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) at (202) 245-0305. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.]

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Decided: March 4, 2010.

By the Board, Rachel D. Campbell, Director, Office of Proceedings.