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Re: Docket No. AB 6 (Sub-No. 481X), BNSF Railway Company --
Abandonment Exemption -- In Walsh and Pembina Counties,
North Dakota

Dear Ms. Brown:

On April 16, 2012, BNSF Railway Company ("BNSF") filed a Notice of Exemption to abandon service on a 18.12-mile line of railroad located between Milepost 42.08, at Grafton and Milepost 60.20, at Glasston, in Walsh and Pembina Counties, North Dakota (the "Line").

By decision served May 4, 2012, the Surface Transportation Board ("Board") granted the requested exemption effective June 5, 2012. In that decision, the Board noted that the abandonment must be consummated by May 4, 2013, if there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation.

By decision served April 15, 2013, the Board extended the consummation deadline until September 4, 2013. BNSF will not be able to complete salvage activities on the Line by September 4, 2013. Consequently, BNSF respectfully requests another extension of the consummation deadline until September 4, 2014.



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If you have any questions, please call me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Karl Morell'.

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