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July 5, 2005

Ms. Vicki Rutson
Chief of the Section of
Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street N.W.
Washington, DC 20423

Re: Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 429X), *BNSF Railway Company - Abandonment Exemption - in Ramsey County, MN*

Docket No. AB-882 (Sub-No. 1X), *Minnesota Commercial Railway Company - Discontinuance of Service Exemption - in Ramsey County, MN*

Dear Ms. Rutson:

Hereby transmitted is a copy of an environmental comment in the above proceeding in behalf of the U.S. Department of Interior, Fish and Wildlife (no concerns).

Very truly yours,

Thomas F. McFarland
*Attorney for Minnesota Commercial
Railway Company*

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cc: David Ramberg, Esq.
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IN REPLY REFER TO:

FWS/NWRS-RE - General
Railroad Abandonments

June 29, 2005

Mr. Thomas F. McFarland, P.C.
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Dear Mr. McFarland:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed abandonment and discontinuance of service on the following rail lines:

Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 429X), BNSF Railway Company – Abandonment Exemption
– in Ramsey County, Minnesota.

Docket No. AB-882 (Sub-No. 1X), Minnesota Commercial Railway Company –
Discontinuance of Service Exemption – in Ramsey County, Minnesota.

We have researched our ownership in the vicinity and have determined we do not own any lands or interests in land in the vicinity of the proposed rail line abandonment and discontinuance of service. We do not have any concerns regarding real estate matters in the abandonment and discontinuance of service.

Sincerely,

Patrick G. Carroll
Senior Realty Officer
Division of Realty