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Re: Docket No. AB 6 (Sub-No. 485X), BNSF Railway Company --  
Abandonment Exemption -- In McKinley County, New Mexico

Dear Ms. Brown:

On August 30, 2012, BNSF Railway Company ("BNSF") filed a Notice of Exemption to abandon service on a 5.11-mile line of railroad located between Milepost 14.50 and Milepost 19.61, north of Defiance, in McKinley County, N.M. (the "Line").

By decision served September 19, 2012, the Surface Transportation Board ("Board") granted the requested exemption effective October 19, 2012. In that decision, the Board noted that the abandonment must be consummated by September 19, 2013, if there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation. By decision served June 25, 2013, the Board removed the Section 106 condition.

BNSF will not be able to complete salvage activities on the Line by September 19, 2013. Consequently, BNSF respectfully requests an extension of the consummation deadline until September 19, 2014.



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If you have any questions, please call me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karl Morell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Karl Morell  
Of Counsel