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Rachel D. Campbell,
Director, Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 "E" Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423

RE: BNSF Railway Company – Abandonment in Fulton County, Illinois
AB No. 6-486X

Dear Director Campbell:

This is to advise the Board that Hitchcock Scrap Yard, Inc. ("HSY") advised BNSF today that it desires to make an Offer of Financial Assistance for the segment from the South line of Chestnut Street (approximately MP 63.17, in Canton, Illinois) to the end of the abandonment at MP 66.7 in/near Dunfermline, Illinois.

To clarify, HSY did not have track maps or other materials with which to determine its exact area of interest when it filed its Notice of Intent, and, under the rules, was not required to make that determination, at that time. My subsequent e-mail referencing a segment of interest was in response to a BNSF inquiry, and was an attempt to cooperate with BNSF in facilitating the transaction as easily as possible for both parties. I explained to Mr. Tyler White of BNSF that HSY needed documents from which we could judge mileposts, etc. Had BNSF contacted me prior to filing its Request for Extension, HSY would, of course, have agreed to the extension.

BNSF has graciously provided track charts from which HSY was able to identify the segment of interest, and we await the balance of the information necessary to evaluate said segment.

I also note, in passing, that the track chart provided by BNSF identifies a portion of the line as "Toledo, Peoria & Western RR Co." HSY may seek clarification as to what interest TP&W (or its successor in interest, Keokuk Junction Railway Co.) has in the track.

Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing instrument was served on March 29, 2013, by first class U.S. mail, and by facsimile or e-mail transmission, if available, upon:

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