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Re: Docket No. AB 6 (Sub-No. 482X), BNSF Railway Company --  
Abandonment Exemption -- In Cook County, Illinois

Dear Ms. Brown:

On December 21, 2012, BNSF Railway Company ("BNSF") filed a Petition for Exemption to abandon service on approximately 2.14 miles of rail line located between Station 36+70, north of the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal Bridge, and Station 149+87, at the end of the track near Western Avenue, in Cook County, Illinois. By decision served April 9, 2013, the Surface Transportation Board ("Board") granted the requested exemption effective May 9, 2013. In that decision, the Board noted that the abandonment must be consummated by April 9, 2014, if there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation.

BNSF hereby seeks an extension of the consummation deadline until March 11, 2015. Because of weather conditions, BNSF has not been able to complete salvage operations on the line. Also, the City of Chicago is still contemplating whether to pursue rail banking of the line.



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If you have any question, please call me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karl Morell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping "K" and "M".

Karl Morell  
Of Counsel