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Re: Docket No. AB 6 (Sub-No. 486X), BNSF Railway Company --
 Abandonment Exemption -- In Fulton County, Illinois

Dear Ms. Brown:

On February 4, 2013, Hitchcock Scrap Yard, Inc. ("Hitchcock") filed a Notice of Intent to File Offer of Financial Assistance ("Notice of Intent") "to purchase all or part of the rail line extending from Farmington, Illinois (MP 52.2) to Dunfermline, Illinois (MP 66.6), a distance of 14.5 miles in Fulton County, Illinois." Notice of Intent at 2.

On February 27, 2013, Hitchcock notified BNSF Railway Company ("BNSF") that it was interested in purchasing only the portion of the line located between Canton and Dunfermline. Hitchcock, however, pointed out that it still has not made a decision on the exact milepost "which is why the Notice included the entire line." See Exhibit 1.

In light of Hitchcock's intention to acquire only part of the line and, particularly, Hitchcock's continued inability to specify the portion of the line it actually seeks to purchase, BNSF seeks, pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1152.27(c)(2)(ii)(D), 30 additional days to develop the information requested by Hitchcock.



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Moreover, BNSF respectfully urges the Board to require Hitchcock to more specifically identify the portion of the line it wishes to purchase. BNSF should not be required to develop information for an ever changing line of railroad. Nor should BNSF's abandonment authority be delayed indefinitely while Hitchcock decides what segment of the line it really seeks to purchase.

If you have any questions, please call me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karl Morell".

Karl Morell
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cc: Ronald Weber, Esq.
Daniel A. LaKemper, Esq.

EXHIBIT 1

Morell, Karl

From: lakemper@mtco.com
Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2013 4:16 PM
To: Morell, Karl
Subject: AB-6-486X

Karl:

Somebody from BNSF called me last week and asked me to confirm that Hitchcock is not interested in the entire line from Dunfermline to Farmington.

This will confirm that Hitchcock is only interested in the line from Canton to Dunfermline (perhaps from Chestnut St., south). They have not made a decision on

the exact milepost, which is why the Notice included the entire line.

If you have any questions, please call me.

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Dan LaKemper