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**Re: *Surface Transportation Board Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 393X);
The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company
Abandonment between between Tolna and Hamar, North Dakota***

Dear Secretary Williams:

I understand that the consummation date in the above abandonment cannot be before June 5, 2002 because it was filed on April 19, 2002. The new date for the consummation is June 8, 2002. The proposed date of consummation has changed because the rates recently increased for a Notice of Exemption and the filing date did not start until the date that the Surface Transportation Board received the additional fees.

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Sincerely,

Michael A. Smith

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