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VIA UPS OVERNIGHT MAIL

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Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: Surface Transportation Board Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 394X); The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company ("BNSF") Abandonment between Powers Lake and Grenora, North Dakota

Dear Secretary Williams:

On June 11, 2002, BNSF filed a Notice of Exemption seeking authority to abandon or discontinue service of 60.51 miles of railroad line between railroad milepost 26.59 in Powers Lake, Burke County, North Dakota and railroad milepost 87.10 in Grenora, Williams County, North Dakota.

By decision served July 1, 2002, the Board ordered that abandonment of this railroad line must be consummated by July 1, 2003. However, due to weather-related delays and salvage scheduling difficulties, BNSF is requesting an extension of the consummation date. Salvage operations are not planned to be completed until approximately August 31, 2003 (after the Board's initial deadline for consummation). Therefore, BNSF requests an extension until September 30, 2003 to consummate the abandonment of this line.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (817) 352-2354 or Sarah.Bailiff@BNSF.com

Sincerely,

Sarah Whitley Bailiff

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cc: Richard Batie
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