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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 April 15, 2003, BNSF submitted a request for extension of the notice of consummation date for the referenced abandonment until September 30, 2003. This letter is intended to supplement and clarify the purpose for that request. For purposes of administering its rail properties, BNSF prefers to complete salvage operations prior to submitting a formal notice of consummation of abandonment. It was not my intent to suggest that completion of salvage is necessarily required in order to submit a notice of consummation.

Subject to the clarification set out in this letter, BNSF's request for extension to September 30, 2003, is renewed.

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 Batic
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