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**VIA UPS OVERNIGHT MAIL**

September 29, 2003

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. By decision served May 21, 2003, the Board granted BNSF's request for an extension of the consummation date until September 30, 2003. By letter dated April 15, 2003, we advised you that consummation was planned to be effective on September 30, 2003. However, due to weather-related delays and salvage completion difficulties, BNSF is requesting an additional extension of the consummation date. Salvage operations are not planned to be completed until approximately November 30, 2003. Therefore, BNSF requests an additional extension until November 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](mailto:Sarah.Bailiff@BNSF.com).

Sincerely,

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