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April 23, 2004

Christa Dean  
Surface Transportation Board  
1925 K Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20423-0001

**Re: Surface Transportation Board Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 410X);  
The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company  
Abandonment from Quadlock, Washington to Olympia, Washington**

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Dear Ms. Dean:

Enclosed please find ten copies plus the original verification page for the Quadlock, WA to Olympia, WA abandonment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "M A Smith".

Michael A. Smith

*Chicago*

*Springfield*

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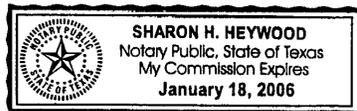
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Richard A. Batie makes oath and says he is Manager, Shortline Development in the Network Development department of The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company; that he has been authorized by the Applicant to verify and file with the Surface Transportation Board the foregoing Notice of Exemption in AB-6 (Sub-No. 410X ); that he affirms that the line has had no local traffic in the prior two (2) years and that there is no overhead traffic to be rerouted; that he has carefully examined all of the statements in the Notice; that he has knowledge of the facts and matters relied upon in the Notice; and that all representations set forth therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief.

Richard A. Batie  
Richard A. Batie  
Manager, Shortline Development

Subscribed and sworn to before me the 26 day of March, 2004.



Sharon H. Heywood  
Notary Public

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