

April 30, 2004

Vernon Williams
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
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**Re: Surface Transportation Board Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 412X);
The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company
Abandonment in Ponca City, Oklahoma**

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Dear Mr. Williams:

Enclosed is a response I received from Mark Friesenhahn to the notice that was mailed out to various agencies on April 15, 2004 in regards to the above-mentioned matter. I am forwarding these to your attention in the event that the agency did not respond to you directly.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Smith

Chicago

Springfield

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DEAR SIR

I SEE THAT BURLINGTON NORHTERN SANTA FE INTEND TO ABANDON 20.93 MILES BETWEEN M.P. 138.00 AND M.P. 142.14 IN PONCA CITY, OK WHICH TRAVERSE THROUGH UNITED STATES ZIP CODE 74601 IN KAY COUNTY.

THIS CASE IS DOCKETED NO. AB-6 (SUB NO. 412X).

I AM PROPOSING THAT THIS LINE BE SAVED, AS I PROPOSE TO USE AREA SIDING ALONG TRACK AS A TRASPORTATION MUSUEM.

THIS MUSUEM WOULD BE FOR ALL TYPES OF TRANSPORTATION (TRAINS FIRETRUCKS, BULLDOZERS, TRUCKS AND CARS, ETC.) MY HOPE IS TO USE THIS MUSUEM AS TRAINING FOR REPAIR AND UPKEEP AND HAVE THESE ITEMS AVAILABLE TO BE PUT INTO USE FOR HOMELAND DEFENSE. SUCH AS FIRE TANKERS FOR FIRE FIGHTING, TRAIN CARS TO HAUL ANY SUPPLIES ANYWHERE NEEDED, BULLDOZERS TO DO TRENCHING, ETC.

THESE COULD BE LOANED TO ANY GROUP THAT WOULD REQUIRE THEM, SUCH AS NATIONAL GAURD, FIREFIGHTERS, SHERIFF OR POLICE DEPARTMENTS.

THOSE THAT NEED REPAIR COULD BE MAJOR TRAINING FOR OUR FUTURE. INCLUDING OLDER CITIZENS TRAINING YOUNGER CITIZENS.

TRAINING FOR ALL DISASTER PERSONEL AND MANAGEMENT HOW TO COORDINATE ON ALL TYPES OF RESOURCES FOR RAPID RESPONSE. SO THAT IT WOULD USED PROPERLY IN ANY DISASTER. TRAINING COULD BE VERY INTENSE WITH MOCK DISASTERS.

WE HOPE YOU WILL SEE THE VALUE OF THE USE OF THIS TYPE OF TRAINING IN A RURAL SETTING THAT ALREADY HAS THE RAILLINE ESTABLISHED. WE HOPE THIS CAN BE A SITE FOR USE AND TRAINING FOR THE ENTIRE UNITED STATES AND A MODEL FOR THE REST OF THE WORLD. IN THESE TIMES OF WHEN IT IS UNKNOWN WHERE TERRORIST MAY STRIKE NEXT.

I AM A RAILFAN AND VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER WHICH HAS MADE ME AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF SUCH NEED FOR A CENTER FOR TRAINING AND PRESERVATION EVEN MORE ESSENTIAL IN THESE TIMES.

CC: GOV. BRAD HENRY, OK

SINCERELY

Handwritten signature of Mark Friesenhahn in cursive.

MARK FRIESENHAHN,
RAILFAN, VOLUNTEER
FIREFIGHTER

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