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Honorable 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. 410X); The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company ("BNSF") Abandonment between Quadlok, Washington and Olympia, Washington

Dear Secretary Williams:

On April 5, 2004, BNSF filed a Notice of Exemption seeking authority to abandon or discontinue service of a 5.80-mile line of railroad between railroad milepost 3.27 in Quadlok, and railroad milepost 9.07 in Olympia, in Thurston County, Washington. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 98501, 98503, 98513, and 98516.

By letter dated November 22, 2004, BNSF informed the STB that an Interim Trails Use Railbanking Agreement, dated November 22, 2004, was entered into between BNSF and the Cities of Lacey and Olympia between railroad milepost 3.27 and railroad milepost 6.73, in lieu of abandonment of that portion of the line. In that letter BNSF indicated it would send in a separate letter of consummation for the remainder of the line in the near future. As of the date of this letter, BNSF is consummating the remainder of this line between railroad milepost 6.73 and railroad milepost 9.07.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter by date stamping the enclosed copy of this letter and returning it to me in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

Ten (10) additional copies of this letter are enclosed for the Board's use and distribution.

Sincerely,

Sidney L. Strickland, Jr.

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