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Honorable Vernon A. Williams  
Surface Transportation Board  
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**Re: Surface Transportation Board ("STB") Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 419X); BNSF Railway Company ("BNSF") Abandonment between Walum, North Dakota and Dazey, North Dakota**

Dear Secretary Williams:

On May 17, 2004, BNSF filed a Notice of Exemption seeking authority to abandon or discontinue service of approximately 4.69 miles of railroad line between railroad milepost 22.00, near Walum, in Griggs County, North Dakota and railroad milepost 17.31, near Dazey, in Barnes County, North Dakota. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 58429 and 58448. By decision served June 4, 2004, the STB granted the exemption authority to abandon effective July 6, 2004.

Winter weather conditions have hampered the ability to conduct salvage activities. Accordingly, BNSF requests an extension of the consummation deadline until December 31, 2005.

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.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 347-8667.

Sincerely,

Sidney L. Strickland, Jr.

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