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VIA UPS OVERNIGHT MAIL

May 18, 2005

The 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. 411X); BNSF Railway Company ("BNSF") Abandonment between Hoxie and Walport, Arkansas

Dear Secretary Williams:

On April 5, 2004, BNSF filed a Notice of Exemption seeking authority to abandon or discontinue service of a 6.70-mile line of railroad between railroad milepost 397.78 in Hoxie, Lawrence County, Arkansas and railroad milepost 402.28 in Walport, Lawrence County, Arkansas and the Walnut Ridge Industrial Spur. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 72433 and 72476. An Interim Trails Use Railbanking Agreement, dated May 17, 2005, was entered into between BNSF and Lawrence County, Arkansas, in lieu of consummation of abandonment.

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,

Sarah W. Bailiff

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- cc: Arkansas Public Service Commission
- Arkansas Department of Transportation
- Peter Rickershauser
- James Gallegos
- Jerome Johnson
- Richard Batie
- Alex A. Latham (Lawrence County, Arkansas)
- Brett Cooper (Lawrence County, Arkansas)
- Rail Services Update