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**VIA UPS OVERNIGHT MAIL**

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The Honorable Vernon A. Williams, Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
1925 K Street, N.W.  
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**Re: Surface Transportation Board ("STB") Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 421X); BNSF Railway Company ("BNSF") Abandonment in Brainerd, Minnesota**

Dear Secretary Williams:

On June 14, 2004, BNSF filed a Petition for Exemption seeking authority to abandon or discontinue service of a 1.60-mile line of railroad extending from railroad milepost 0.00 to railroad milepost 1.60 in and near Brainerd, in Crow Wing County, Minnesota. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Code 56401. By STB decision served October 1, 2004, the abandonment was to be effective as of October 31, 2004. Within that same decision, it stated that BNSF is to consummate the abandonment by October 1, 2005, or the authority to abandon will automatically expire. This letter is to advise you that BNSF is consummating the abandonment of the subject line as of the date of this letter.

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,

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