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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. 425X); BNSF Railway Company ("BNSF") Abandonment Exemption – in Chase, Morris, Marion and Dickinson Counties, KS

Dear Secretary Williams:

The BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F–Exempt Abandonments, to abandon a 25.57-mile line of railroad between BNSF milepost 0.00 near Neva and milepost 25.45 near Lost Springs, in Chase, Morris, Marion and Dickinson Counties, KS. Notice of the exemption was served and published in the Federal Register on September 29, 2004 (69 FR 58226-27). The exemption became effective on October 26, 2004. The present consummation deadline is September 29, 2006.

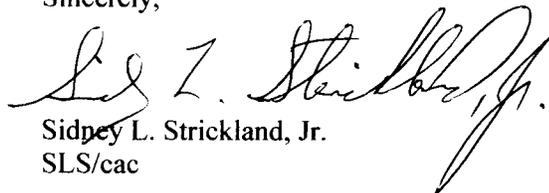
BNSF is currently studying the feasibility of retaining the track segment for intermodal railcar storage. Should this not be the case, BNSF would then begin the salvage process, which may be delayed by weather, as winter is also approaching. Accordingly, BNSF requests an extension of the consummation deadline until June 1, 2006.

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) 295-4024.

Sincerely,

  
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