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Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 418X); BNSF Railway Company ("BNSF")—
Abandonment Exemption—in Grand Forks County, ND

Dear Secretary Williams:

BNSF Railway Company filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—
Exempt Abandonments to abandon a 6.50-mile line of railroad between BNSF milepost 0.00 near
Hannah Junction and milepost 6.50 near McCanna, in Grand Forks County, ND. The line
traverses United States Postal Service Zip Code 58251. Notice of the exemption was served and
published in the Federal Register on October 22, 2004 (69 FR 62117). The exemption became
effective on November 23, 2004. The present consummation deadline is October 22, 2005.

This line is still being salvaged at this time. Due to the upcoming winter months, BNSF is
requesting to extend the consummation date until June 1, 2006, to allow time to complete the
salvage.

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,

Sidney L. Strickland, Jr. / cac

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