

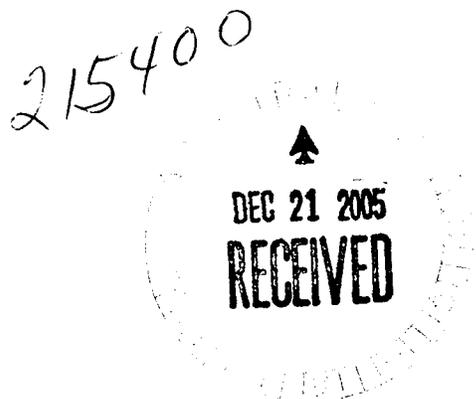
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Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001



Re: STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 413X); BNSF Railway Company --Abandonment Exemption-- in Washington County, MN

Dear Secretary Williams:

BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) previously filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F--Exempt Abandonments to abandon a 0.99-mile line of railroad between BNSF milepost 11.81 and milepost 12.80 in Stillwater, Washington County, MN. Notice of the exemption was served and published in the Federal Register on May 28, 2004 (69 FR 30747). The exemption became effective on June 29, 2004.

By decision served on May 10, 2005, the Board granted BNSF's request for an extension of time to file a notice of consummation until December 31, 2005. Winter weather conditions have hampered the ability to conduct salvage activities. Accordingly, BNSF requests an extension of the consummation deadline to July 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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