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December 21, 2005

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

**Re: STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub. No. 414X); BNSF Railway Company—Abandonment Exemption—in Modoc and Siskiyou Counties, CA**

Dear Secretary Williams:

BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) previously filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F-Exemption Abandonments to abandon and discontinue service over a 33.77-mile line of railroad between milepost 0.00, near Lookout, and milepost 33.77, near Hambone, in Modoc and Siskiyou Counties, CA. Notice of the exemption was served and published in the Federal Register on May 21, 2004 (69 FR 29347). The exemption became effective on June 22, 2004.

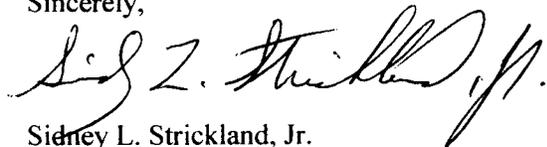
By decision served April 29, 2005, the STB granted BNSF's request for an extension of time to file a notice of consummation until December 31, 2005. Winter weather conditions have hampered the ability to conduct salvage activities. Accordingly, BNSF requests an extension of the consummation deadline until 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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