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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. 424X); BNSF Railway Company—  
Abandonment Exemption—in Dawson and McCone Counties, MT.***

Dear Secretary Williams:

BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) filed with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—Exempt Abandonments to abandon a 43.41-mile line of railroad extending between milepost 7.00 near Glendive and milepost 50.41 in Circle, in Dawson and McCone Counties, MT. Notice of the exemption was served and published in the Federal Register on November 5, 2004 (69 FR 64631). The exemption became effective on December 7, 2004.

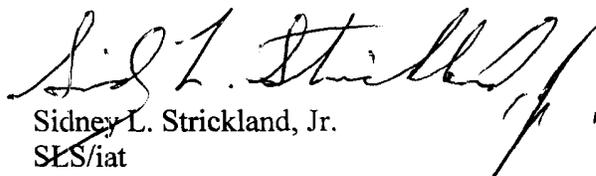
By decision served November 4, 2005, the Board granted BNSF's request for an extension of time for filing its notice of consummation until June 1, 2006. Scheduling difficulties with salvagers have hampered salvage activities. Accordingly, BNSF is requesting an extension of the consummation date until June 1, 2007.

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) 338-1325.

Sincerely,

  
Sidney L. Strickland, Jr.  
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