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**VIA UPS OVERNIGHT MAIL**

June 15, 2006

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

**Re: Surface Transportation Board (STB) Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 415X); BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) Abandonment between Langdon, North Dakota and Hannah, in Cavalier County, North Dakota**

Dear Secretary Williams:

On May 3, 2004, BNSF filed a Notice of Exemption seeking authority to abandon or discontinue service of approximately 20.93 miles of railroad line between railroad milepost 74.07, near Langdon, North Dakota, and railroad milepost 95.00, near Hannah, in Cavalier County, North Dakota. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 58249, 58281, and 58239.

By STB decision served May 21, 2004, the STB granted the exemption authority to abandon, effective June 22, 2004. Within that same decision, the STB stated that the abandonment was to be consummated as of May 21, 2005. Pursuant to STB decision served December 28, 2005, the STB extended the consummation date until July 1, 2006. This letter is to advise the Board that BNSF is consummating the abandonment of the subject line as of the date of this letter.

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.

Sincerely,

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- cc: North Dakota Public Service Commission
- North Dakota Department of Transportation
- Victoria Rutson, Section of Environmental Analysis, STB
- Peter Rickershauser
- Jerome Johnson
- Sarah Bailiff
- Sidney Strickland
- Richard Batie
- Rail Services Update

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