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**VIA UPS OVERNIGHT MAIL**

June 23, 2006

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

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**Re: Surface Transportation Board (STB) Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 414X); BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) Abandonment between Lookout, in Modoc County, California and Hambone, in Siskiyou County, California**

Dear Secretary Williams:

BNSF filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F-Exempt Abandonments to abandon and discontinue service over a 33.77-mile line of railroad between milepost 0.00 near Lookout, in Modoc County, California, and railroad milepost 33.77, near Hambone, in Siskiyou County, California. 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 December 29, 2005, the STB granted BNSF's request for an extension of time to file a notice of consummation until July 1, 2006. By separate letter, dated June 23, 2006, BNSF is consummating the abandonment of the subject line between railroad milepost 6.50 and railroad milepost 33.77, a distance of 27.27 miles.

BNSF needs additional time to determine whether it will use the line between railroad milepost 0.00 and railroad milepost 6.50 for railroad purposes. Accordingly, by this letter, BNSF requests an extension of the consummation deadline until December 31, 2006, for the remainder of the subject line between railroad milepost 0.00 and railroad milepost 6.50, a distance of 6.50 miles.

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: Victoria Rutson, Section of Environmental Analysis, STB
- Peter Rickershauser
- Jerome Johnson
- Sarah Bailiff
- Sidney Strickland
- Richard Batie

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