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VIA UPS OVERNIGHT MAIL

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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:

On May 3, 2004, BNSF filed a Notice of Exemption seeking authority to abandon or discontinue service of approximately 33.77 miles of railroad line between railroad milepost 0.00, near Lookout, in Modoc County, California, and railroad milepost 33.77, near Hambone, in Siskiyou County, California. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 96054 and 96056.

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 29, 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 between railroad milepost 6.50 and railroad milepost 33.77, a distance of 27.27 miles; and by separate letter, BNSF is seeking an extension of time to consummate 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: California Public Utilities Commission
- California Department of Transportation
- Victoria Rutson, Section of Environmental Analysis, STB
- Peter Rickershauser
- Jerome Johnson
- Sarah Bailiff
- Sidney Strickland
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