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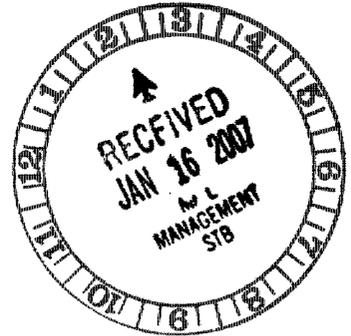
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Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

***Re: STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub. No. 432X); BNSF Railway Company—
Abandonment Exemption—in Walsh County, ND.***

Dear Secretary Williams:

BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—Exempt Abandonments to abandon a 7.12-mile line of railroad between milepost 144.21 at Grafton, and milepost 137.09, near Voss, in Walsh County, ND. Notice of the exemption was served and published in the Federal Register on January 26, 2006 (71 FR 4397-98). The present consummation deadline is January 26, 2007.

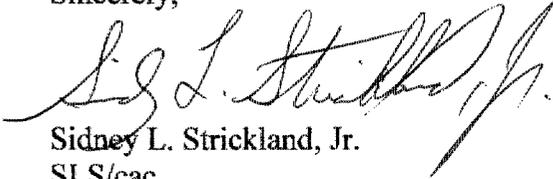
Because BNSF has a multitude of abandonments currently in process, BNSF has encountered scheduling difficulties with its salvagers. This has led to a delay in the completion of necessary salvage activities. Accordingly, BNSF is requesting an extension of the consummation deadline until January 26, 2008.

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,


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