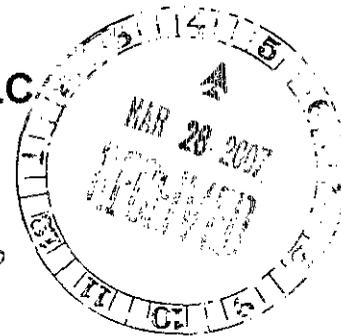


**SIDNEY STRICKLAND AND ASSOCIATES, PLLC**

3050 K ST. N.W., SUITE 101  
WASHINGTON, DC 20007-5108  
TELEPHONE: 202-338-1325  
FAX: 202-295-3854

SIDNEY L. STRICKLAND, JR.  
SIDNEY.STRICKLAND@STRICKLANDPLLC.COM

218916



March 28, 2007

Honorable Vernon A. Williams  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 E Street, S.W  
Washington, DC 20423

ENTERED  
Office of Proceedings  
MAR 28 2007  
Part of  
Public Record

***Re: STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub. No. 438X); BNSF Railway Company—  
Abandonment Exemption—in Morrison County, MN.***

Dear Secretary Williams:

BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—Exempt Abandonments to abandon a 0.58-mile line of railroad that extends between BNSF's milepost 113.44 and milepost 114.02, near Camp Ripley in Morrison County, MN. Notice of the exemption was served and published in the Federal Register on April 14, 2006 (71 FR 19616). The exemption became effective on May 16, 2006. The present consummation date is April 14, 2007.

Because BNSF has numerous 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 April 14, 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,

Sidney L. Strickland, Jr.  
SLS/cac

cc: Jake DeBoever  
John Sims