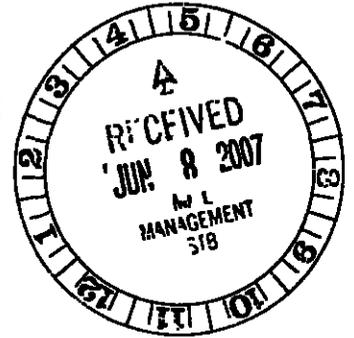


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The Honorable Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street S W
Washington DC 20423-0001

**Re: STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub. No. 434X); BNSF Railway Company—
Abandonment Exemption—in Fergus County, MT**

Dear Secretary Williams

On November 25, 2005, BNSF Railway Company ("BNSF") filed a notice of exemption to abandon service of a 21 25-mile rail line, extending between BNSF milepost 9 50 near Moore, MT, and BNSF milepost 28 35 near Lewiston, MT, the 1 30-mile Berg Lumber Spur (milepost 0 00 – milepost 1 30), and the Heath Spur (milepost 0 00 – milepost 1 10), in Fergus County, MT. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 59457 and 59464.

By decision served December 14, 2005, the STB granted the exemption authority to abandon effective January 13, 2006. Within that same decision, the STB stated that the abandonment was to be consummated as of December 14, 2006.

By decision and notice of interim trail use or abandonment (NITU), served on January 11, 2006, the proceeding was reopened and a 180-day period (until July 12, 2006) was authorized for the City of Lewistown, MT, to negotiate an interim trail use/rail banking agreement with BNSF for the right-of-way. The negotiating period under the NITU was scheduled to expire on July 12, 2006. By decision served July 11, 2006, the STB extended the NITU negotiating period to January 8, 2007.

On January 5, 2007, BNSF filed a letter advising the Board that it was rail banking that portion of the line between mileposts 13 88 and 28 35, including the two spurs.

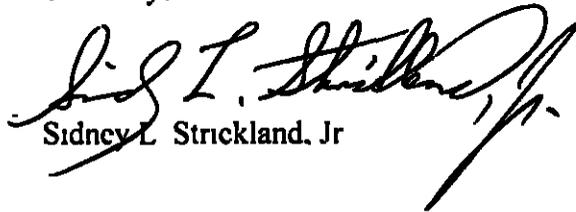
By decision served January 5, 2007, the STB extended the consummation date until June 14, 2007. By decision served June 6, 2007, the STB modified the previously granted authority and permitted BNSF to discontinue service over the portion of the subject line between milepost 9.50 and milepost 13 88. Within that same decision, the STB removed the previously imposed section 106 historic preservation condition.

This letter is to acknowledge that BNSF is rail banking that portion of the subject line between milepost 13 88 and milepost 28 35, including the two spurs, and BNSF is discontinuing service over that portion of the subject line between milepost 9 50 and milepost 13 88

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 attached for the Board's use and distribution

Sincerely,



Sidney L. Strickland, Jr