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

***Re: STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub. No. 453X); BNSF Railway Company—
Abandonment Exemption—in King County, WA***

Dear Secretary Williams:

BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—Exempt Abandonments to abandon approximately 0.65 miles of rail line, extending between milepost 10.60 and milepost 11.25, near Wilburton, in King County, WA. Notice of the exemption was served and published in the Federal Register on November 8, 2006 (71 FR 65567-68). The exemption became effective on December 8, 2006. The present consummation deadline is November 8, 2007.

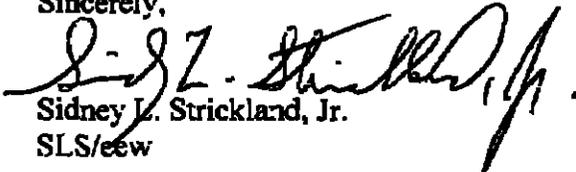
Because BNSF has numerous abandonments currently in process, BNSF has encountered scheduling difficulties with its salvagers. This has led to a delay in the completion of necessary salvage activities. Accordingly, BNSF is requesting an extension of the consummation deadline until November 8, 2008

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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cc: Jake DeBoever
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