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Honorable Vernon A Williams
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street S W
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RE: STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 435X); BNSF Railway Company – Abandonment Exemption – in Rock Island and Whiteside Counties, IL

BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) and Iowa, Chicago & Eastern Railroad Corporation (ICE), jointly filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F - Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances of Service for BNSF to abandon, and ICE to discontinue service over, approximately 5.09 miles of railroad line between milepost 20.31 and milepost 25.40, near Albany, in Rock Island and Whiteside Counties, IL. Notice of the exemption was served on December 27, 2005, and published in the Federal Register on December 28, 2005 (70 FR 76912-13). The exemption became effective on January 26, 2006.

By decision served December 14, 2006, the STB granted BNSF's request for an extension of time to file a notice of consummation until December 31, 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 December 31, 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 (817) 352-2308.

Sincerely,

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