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Ms Anne Quinlan, Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street S.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

**Re: STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub. No. 445X) BNSF Railway Company—Abandonment
Exemption – in Cascade County, Montana**

Dear Acting Secretary Quinlan

On September 19, 2006, BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) filed a Notice of Exemption to abandon service of 1.67 miles of railroad line that extends between milepost 194.61 and milepost 196.28, near Great Falls, in Cascade County, Montana. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Code 59401.

By decision served October 6, 2006, the STB granted the exemption authority to abandon effective November 8, 2006. Within that same decision, the STB stated that the abandonment is to be consummated by October 6, 2007. By decision served October 3, 2007, the STB granted an extension of the consummation date until October 6, 2008.

BNSF is still trying to resolve an outstanding historical condition. Accordingly, BNSF is requesting an extension of the consummation deadline until October 6, 2009.

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,

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cc: Susan Odom

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