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August 12, 2008

The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan  
Acting Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 E Street, S W.  
Washington, DC 20423

Re: STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 465X), BNSF Railway Company –  
Abandonment Exemption – In King County, Washington

Dear Acting Secretary Quinlan:

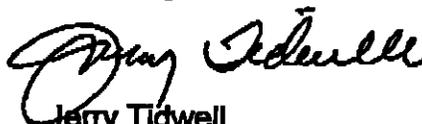
Safeway supports the proposed abandonment by BNSF Railway Company ("BNSF") in this proceeding of the 12.55-mile rail line located between Milepost 11.25, at Wilburton, and Milepost 23.80, in Woodinville, in King County, Washington (the "Line").

Safeway has two facilities on the Line and has used BNSF's services to ship food and packaging products over the Line. Safeway has agreed to start using a local transloader, located about 10 miles from our facilities, to meet our shipping needs commencing in September 2008. Once the transload operations commence, Safeway will no longer need the Line to transport its products

The abandonment of the Line will not result in an abuse of market power because the local transloader will provide Safeway with alternative transportation services. Safeway will continue select alternative service options based on their overall benefit to our facilities.

Accordingly, Safeway supports the proposed abandonment by BNSF of the Line. Safeway respectfully urges the Board expeditiously to grant the requested exemption in this proceeding.

Sincerely,



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Senior Vice President  
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