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BY HAND DELIVERY

Honorable Vernon A. Williams
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Re: STB Docket No. NOR-42089
Albany & Eastern Railroad Company v.
The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway
Company

Dear Secretary Williams:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned proceeding are an original and ten copies of BNSF's "Fourth Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time to File Answer." Please date stamp the enclosed extra copy and return it in the enclosed self-stamped envelope.

Sincerely yours,

Sidney L. Strickland, Jr.

Enclosure

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BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD



ALBANY & EASTERN RAILROAD)
 COMPANY,)
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 Complainant)
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 v.)
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 BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY,)
)
 Defendant)

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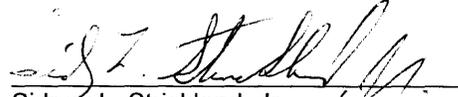
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FOURTH UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR
EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE ANSWER

On November 12, 2004, the Albany & Eastern Railroad Company ("AERC") filed a Complaint in the above-captioned proceeding seeking to commence arbitration of a dispute with The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (now named BNSF Railway Company) ("BNSF"). By decision served February 15, 2005, the Board granted BNSF's third request for an extension of time, to March 13, 2005, to file an answer to AERC's Complaint. BNSF needs more time to finalize its position. Accordingly, BNSF requests a further extension of time to March 31, 2005, to file an answer.

Counsel for AERC has authorized counsel for BNSF to represent that AERC does not oppose BNSF's request.

Respectfully submitted,



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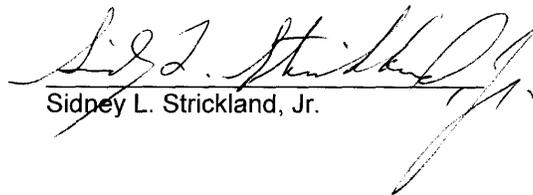
Dated: March 17, 2005

Attorney for BNSF Railway Company

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing "Fourth Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time to File Answer" was served by overnight courier this 17th day of March 2005 on the following:

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