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Finance Docket No. 29672

BURLINGTON NORTHERN RAILROAD COMPANY  
- OPERATIONS - IN THE STATES OF IOWA AND SOUTH DAKOTA

**NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF SERVICE UNDER MODIFIED  
CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY**

BNSF Railway Company ("BNSF"), successor to Burlington Northern Railroad Company, hereby gives notice that, effective March 21, 2006, it will terminate service under the Modified Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("Modified Certificate") issued in *Burlington Northern Railroad Co. - Operations - In the States of IA and SD*, ICC Finance Docket No. 29672 (served August 17, 1981). Pursuant to the Modified Certificate, BNSF has provided common carrier rail service over approximately 368 miles of rail lines owned by the State of South Dakota (the "Core Lines") extending principally from Milepost 777.0 near Aberdeen, South Dakota to Milepost 650.6 near Mitchell, South Dakota; from Milepost 518.9 near Sioux City, Iowa to Milepost 649.7 near Mitchell, South Dakota; from Milepost 293.1 near Canton, South Dakota to Milepost 650.6 near Mitchell, South Dakota; from Milepost 74.1 to Milepost 68.8 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota; from Milepost 68.8 near Sioux Falls, South Dakota to Milepost 49.4 near Canton, South Dakota; and from Milepost 511.9 to Milepost 518.9 in Sioux City, Iowa. Since 1980, the Core Lines have been owned by the State of South Dakota,

and BNSF has operated the Core Lines under a long term Operating Agreement with the State of South Dakota and pursuant to the Modified Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. Pursuant to authority granted in Finance Docket No. 34794 (Notice of Exemption), which became effective on December 6, 2005, and the terms of an agreement between the State of South Dakota and BNSF, BNSF has now purchased all of the State of South Dakota's right title and interest in the Core Lines. BNSF will continue to provide common carrier rail service as the owner of the Core Lines.

As required by 49 C.F.R. 1150.24, this Notice is being filed with the States of Iowa and South Dakota and the Surface Transportation Board and is being mailed to all persons that have used the Core Lines in the six months preceding this Notice.

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By: 

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Dated: January 17, 2006