

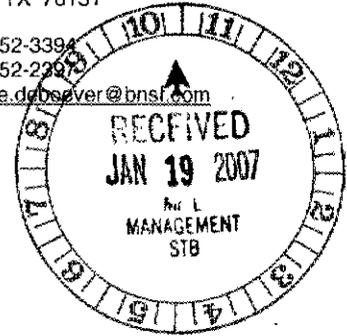


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VIA UPS OVERNIGHT MAIL

January 18, 2007

The Honorable Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

**Re: Surface Transportation Board Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 437X); BNSF Railway Company
Abandonment near Glake, in Polk County, Iowa**

Dear Secretary Williams:

On March 17, 2006, BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F--Exempt Abandonments to abandon a 0.89-mile line of railroad that extends between BNSF Station 0+00 and Station 47+00 near Glake, in Polk County, Iowa. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Code 50317.

By STB decision served April, 5, 2006, the STB granted the exemption authority to abandon, effective May 5, 2006. Within that same decision, the STB stated that the abandonment is to be consummated by April 5, 2007. This letter is to advise the Board that BNSF is consummating the abandonment of the subject line as of the date of this letter.

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.

Sincerely,

Jake P. DeBoever

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- cc: Iowa Utilities Board
- Iowa Department of Transportation
- Victoria Rutson, Section of Environmental Analysis, STB
- Peter Rickershauser
- James Gallegos
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