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Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20423

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

Dear Secretary Williams:

BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—Exempt Abandonments to abandon approximately 1.67 miles of railroad between milepost 194.61 and milepost 196.28, near Great Falls, in Cascade County, MT. Notice of the exemption was served and published in the Federal Register on October 6, 2006 (71 FR 59196-97). The exemption became effective on November 8, 2006. The present consummation deadline is October 6, 2007.

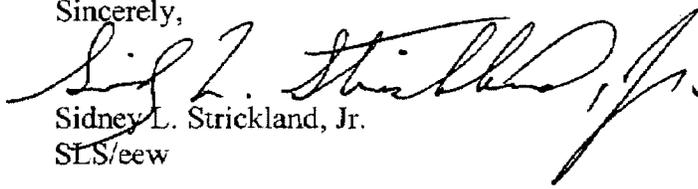
Because BNSF has numerous abandonments currently in process, BNSF has encountered scheduling difficulties with its salvagers. This has led to a delay in the completion of necessary salvage activities. Accordingly, BNSF is requesting an extension of the consummation deadline until October 6, 2008.

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.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 338-1325.

Sincerely,



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cc: Jake DeBoever
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