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Ms Anne Quinlan, Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street S W
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**Re: STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub. No. 455X) BNSF Railway Company—Abandonment
Exemption – in Stearns County, MN**

Dear Secretary Quinlan

On April 17, 2007, BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) filed a Notice of Exemption to abandon service of a 0.79-mile line of railroad that extends between milepost 16.21 and milepost 17.00, near Cold Spring, in Stearns County, Minnesota. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Code 56320.

By decision served May 7, 2007, the STB granted the exemption authority to abandon effective June 6, 2007. Within that same decision, the STB stated that the abandonment was to be consummated as of May 7, 2008. 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 attached for the Board's use and distribution.

Sincerely,

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- cc Minnesota Department of Administration
- Minnesota Department of Transportation
- Victoria Rutson, Chief, SEA
- Peter Rickershausen
- Jerome Johnson
- Susan Odom
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