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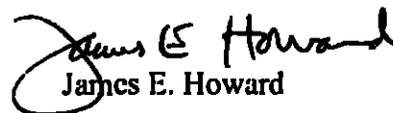
Re: Rarus Railway Co.--Abandonment Exemption--In Deer Lodge
County, Montana
STB Docket No. AB-260 (Sub-No. 2X)

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

I represent Rarus Railway Co in connection with the above captioned proceeding Rarus filed a notice of exemption pursuant to 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F--Exempt Abandonments for authority to abandon its Anaconda/West Valley Line, which is an approximately 4.7 mile line of railroad extending between a point at Pennsylvania Avenue west of the West Anaconda Yard in Anaconda, Montana and a point at North Cable Road approximately 4.2 miles west of Anaconda in Deer Lodge County, Montana. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Code 59711.

By decision served on July 21, 2008, the Board reopened the proceeding and imposed four conditions governing the activities of Rarus in connection with the abandonment and salvaging of the line. To the best of its knowledge, Rarus has complied with those conditions in the course of its salvaging activities, which have been completed. In accordance with 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), the purpose of this letter is to advise the Board that Rarus is, effective as of the date of this letter, consummating the authority granted to abandon the line.

Very truly yours,


James E. Howard

cc: Edward G. Beaudette--Montana DOT
Charles Coleman--EPA Region 8