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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown  
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**RE: STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 449X); BNSF Railway Company – Abandonment Exemption – in Swift County, MN**

Dear Ms. Brown:

BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F - Exempt Abandonments to abandon and discontinue service over a 0.54-mile line of railroad between Engineering Stations 0 + 00 and 28 + 61, near Appleton, in Swift County, MN. The exemption became effective on May 4, 2007.

By Surface Transportation Board (STB) decision served April 3, 2009, the STB granted an extension of the consummation date until April 2, 2010. However, due to early winter weather conditions in Minnesota this year, BNSF's contractor has been unable to complete the salvage work. All that remains is removal of the bridge pilings, which work will be completed as soon as is practicable when weather conditions allow. BNSF is, therefore, requesting an extension of the consummation deadline until October 4, 2010.

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 (817) 352-3394.

Sincerely,

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cc: Susan Odom