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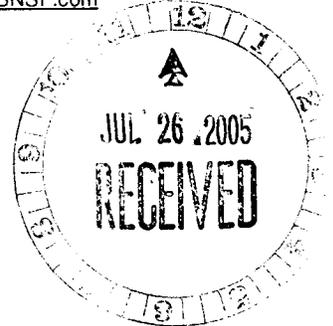
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July 25, 2005

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

**Re: Surface Transportation Board ("STB") Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 384X); BNSF
Railway Company ("BNSF") Abandonment in Sioux Falls, South Dakota**

Dear Secretary Williams:

On July 22, 1999, BNSF filed a Notice of Exemption seeking authority to abandon or discontinue service of a 2.98-mile line of railroad between railroad milepost 147.15 and railroad milepost 150.13 near Sioux Falls, in Minnehaha County, South Dakota. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Code 57105. By STB decision served August 11, 1999, BNSF was to consummate the abandonment by August 11, 2000. Pursuant to STB decision served December 30, 2004, the STB extended the consummation date until December 31, 2005. This letter is to advise you that abandonment of the subject line has been consummated as of July 25, 2005.

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,

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cc: South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
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