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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. 401X); BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) Abandonment Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa

Dear Secretary Williams:

On June 28, 2004, BNSF filed a Notice of Exemption seeking authority to abandon or discontinue service of approximately 1.88 miles of railroad line between railroad milepost 67.38 and railroad milepost 1.45, near Des Moines, in Polk County, Iowa. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Code 50309.

By STB decision served July 16, 2004, the STB granted the exemption authority to abandon, effective August 17, 2004. Within that same decision, the STB stated that the abandonment was to be consummated as of July 16, 2005. Pursuant to STB decision served December 29, 2005, the STB extended the consummation date until July 1, 2006. 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 enclosed for the Board's use and distribution.

Sincerely,

James H. Gallegos

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- cc: Iowa Utilities Board
- Iowa Department of Transportation
- Victoria Rutson, Section of Environmental Analysis, STB
- Peter Rickershauser
- Jerome Johnson
- Sarah Bailiff
- Sidney Strickland
- Richard Batie
- Rail Services Update