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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. 404X); BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) Abandonment between Blue Hill and Bladen, in Webster County, Nebraska

Dear Secretary Williams:

On May 15, 2003, BNSF filed a Notice of Exemption seeking authority to abandon or discontinue service between BNSF milepost 87.02, near Blue Hill, and BNSF milepost 96.30, near Bladen, in Webster County, Nebraska, a total distance of 9.28 miles. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 68928 and 68930.

By STB decision served June 4, 2003, the STB granted the exemption authority to abandon effective July 4, 2003. Within that same decision, the STB stated that the abandonment was to be consummated as of June 4, 2004. By STB decision served June 2, 2006, the STB extended the consummation date until December 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,

Jake P. DeBoever

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