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Cynthia Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
Surface Transportation Board
Office of Proceedings
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

Re: Docket No. AB 6 (Sub-No. 493X), BNSF Railway Company --
Abandonment Exemption -- In Cook County, ILL.

Dear Ms. Brown:

On May 3, 2016, BNSF Railway Company ("BNSF") filed a Petition for Exemption to abandon approximately 0.89 miles of rail line on BNSF's Lumber District Lead beginning just west of Laflin Street at Engineering Station 118+00 and proceeding east along West Cermak Road to the most easterly point at Engineering Station 157+65 and heading north along the Sangamon Street Lead at Engineering Station 163+50, including both legs of the wye, in Chicago, ILL (the "Line"). By decision served August 19, 2016, the Surface Transportation Board ("Board") granted the requested exemption effective September 18, 2016. In that decision, the Board noted that the abandonment must be consummated by August 19, 2017, if there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation.

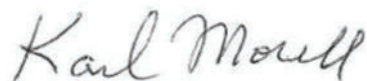
At the request of the City of Chicago ("City"), the Board issued a decision and notice of interim trail use or abandonment ("NITU") by decision served November 23, 2016.

Most recently, by decision served April 16, 2021, the Board granted the City's request for an extension of the NITU negotiating period until March 6, 2022. On July 1, 2021, the City withdrew its NITU.

BNSF hereby notifies the Board that on July 30, 2021, BNSF consummated the abandonment of the Line.

If you have any questions, please call me.

Sincerely,



Karl Morell

cc: Parties of Record