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Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
Surface Transportation Board
Office of Proceedings
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Washington, DC 20423

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Public Record

Re: Montana Rail Link, Inc.—Discontinuance of Service Exemption—In
Yellowstone, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Park, Gallatin, Broadwater, Jefferson, Lewis
& Clark, Powell, Deer Lodge, Granite, Missoula, Lake, Mineral, & Sanders
Counties, Mont.; Bonner & Kootenai Counties, Idaho; & Spokane County, Wash.,
AB 575 (Sub-No. 2X)

Dear Ms. Brown:

By decision served on March 8, 2023, in the above-referenced proceeding, MRL¹ was granted an exemption under 49 U.S.C. § 10502 from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 10903 to discontinue service over approximately 656.47 miles of non-contiguous rail line, which are leased from BNSF, and to discontinue MRL's bridge-only trackage rights over approximately 96.04 miles of rail line owned by BNSF. The exemption became effective on April 7, 2023.

This letter is intended to notify the Board that MRL consummated the proposed transaction on January 1, 2024. Please contact me with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Parties of Record

¹ Unless otherwise defined, the acronyms and defined terms used in this letter are the same as those used in the Board's decision in this proceeding served on March 8, 2023.