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Re: Docket No. AB 6 (Sub-No. 487X), BNSF Railway Company --
Abandonment Exemption -- In Cook County, Illinois

Dear Ms. Brown:

On February 14, 2013, BNSF Railway Company ("BNSF") filed a Notice of Exemption to abandon service on two segments of its rail lines located: (1) between Station 186+79 and Station 163+50; and (2) between Station 157+65 and Station 197+81. By decision served March 1, 2013, the Surface Transportation Board ("Board") granted the requested exemption effective April 5, 2013. In that decision, the Board noted that the abandonment must be consummated by March 6, 2014, 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 on April 4, 2013. By decision served February 27, 2014, the Board extended the NITU for the rail lines located: (1) between Station 185+77 and Station 163+50; and (2) between Station 157+65 and Station 197+81. BNSF was not agreeable to an extension of the NITU for the portion of the line located between Station 186+79 and Station 185+77.

BNSF hereby seeks an extension of the consummation deadline until February 26, 2015 for the portion of the line located between Station 186+79 and Station 185+77. That portion of the line



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contains a bridge that needs to be demolished. BNSF has been working with the City to have the bridge demolished and needs more time to complete the demolition of the bridge.

If you have any question, please call me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karl Morell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Karl Morell
Of Counsel