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

Re: Docket No. AB 6 (Sub-No. 482X), BNSF Railway Company --
Abandonment Exemption -- in Cook County, Illinois

Dear Ms. Brown:

This is in response to the request dated March 3, 2017, on behalf of the City of Chicago ("City"), for an extension of the Notice of Interim Trail Use ("NITU"), issued in this proceeding, under the National Trails System Act, 16 U.S.C. § 1247(d), for the rail line located between Station 36 + 70, north of the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal Bridge, and Station 149 + 87, at the end of the track near Western Avenue, in Cook County, Illinois (the "Line").

BNSF Railway Company ("BNSF") hereby notifies the Surface Transportation Board that BNSF has not consummated the abandonment of the Line and does not object to the requested extension of the NITU previously issued in this proceeding on behalf of the City.

If you have any questions, please call me.

Sincerely,



Karl Morell

cc: Ms. Rebekah Scheinfeld