

RUSTLER SPRINGS

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Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: Surface Transportation Board Docket ("STB") No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 390X); The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company ("BNSF") Abandonment between Loving and Pecos Junction, New Mexico and between Pecos Junction, New Mexico and Rustler Springs, Texas

Dear Secretary Williams:

On December 10, 2001, BNSF filed a Notice of Exemption seeking authority to abandon or discontinue service of 46.54 miles of railroad line between railroad milepost 196.00 near Loving, NM and railroad milepost 217.20 near Pecos Junction, NM, and between railroad milepost 0.00 near Pecos Junction, NM, and railroad milepost 25.34 near Rustler Springs, TX. On October 29, 2002, BNSF requested an extension of the consummation date until May 1, 2003. By decision served December 4, 2002, the Board granted BNSF's request. This letter is to advise you that abandonment of the subject line has been consummated on April 1, 2003.

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,

Sarah Whitley Bailiff

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cc: R. A. Batie
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