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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown, Chief
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Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20024

Re: Docket No. AB-1106X, *ABE Fairmont, LLC -- Abandonment Exemption -- in Fillmore County, NE*

Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 488X), *BNSF Railway Company -- Discontinuance of Service Exemption -- in Fillmore County, NE*

Dear Ms. Brown:

The Board's decision in the above proceeding served August 17, 2017, requires that on or before September 6, 2017, Petitioners are to supplement their Joint Petition for Exemption filed on July 7, 2014 with respect to the Board's decision in the *Energy Solutions* case, and the stranded-segment issue raised in the August 17, 2017 decision.

In behalf of Petitioners, ABE Fairmont, LLC and BNSF Railway Company, this is to respectfully request an extension of 20 days, until September 26, 2017, to file the required Supplement.

The requested extension is justified because the *Energy Solutions* issue and the stranded segment issue are complex and novel in the context of the unusual record in the subject proceedings.

I have been authorized by the affected shippers, Flint Hills Resources Fairmont, LLC and The Andersons, to state to the Board that they do not object to the requested extension.

The Board's decision served August 17, 2017 requires that on or before August 24, 2017, Petitioners are to contact the Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) regarding the Draft Environmental and Historic Report (DEHR) in these proceedings. This is to notify the Board that a representative of Petitioners contacted a representative of OEA on August 19, 2017 regarding the DEHR and the potential need to file and circulate a Supplement to the DEHR.

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