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Cynthia Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
Surface Transportation Board
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395 E Street, SW
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Re: Docket No. AB 6 (Sub-No. 485X), BNSF Railway Company -- Abandonment
Exemption -- In McKinley County, New Mexico

Dear Ms. Brown:

On August 30, 2012, BNSF Railway Company ("BNSF") filed a Notice of Exemption to abandon service on a 5.11-mile line of railroad located between Milepost 14.50 and Milepost 19.61, north of Defiance, in McKinley County, N.M. (the "Line").

By decision served September 19, 2012, the Surface Transportation Board ("Board") granted the requested exemption effective October 19, 2012. In that decision, the Board noted that the abandonment must be consummated by September 19, 2013, if there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation. By decision served June 25, 2013, the Board removed the Section 106 condition.

By decision served August 19, 2013, the Board extended the consummation deadline to September 19, 2014. By decision served September 3, 2014, the Board extended the consummation deadline to March 18, 2015. By decision served March 5, 2015, the Board extended the consummation deadline to March 18, 2016. By decision served March 17, 2016, the Board again extended the consummation deadline to March 18, 2017.

BNSF will not be able to complete salvage activities on the Line by March 18, 2017. Consequently, BNSF respectfully requests an extension of the consummation deadline until March 18, 2018.

 GRANTED Office of Proceedings	DECISION ID NO.: <u>45707</u>
	DECIDED DATE: <u>2/24/17</u>
	SERVICE DATE: <u>2/27/17</u>
	APPROVED: <u>Rachel D. Campbell</u> Director
	☒ <u>extended to 3/18/18</u>

If you have any questions, please call me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karl Morell". The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent capital 'K' and 'M'.

Karl Morell

cc: Parties of record