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

Re: Docket No. 42060 (Sub-No. 1), North America Freight Car Association v. The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company

Dear Secretary Williams:

On October 5, 2001, The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company ("BNSF") filed a motion to dismiss the complaint in the captioned proceeding. The due date for a reply to that motion is October 25, 2001. The purpose of this letter is to request an extension of time until November 5, 2001 for the filing of the reply.

This request is necessitated by the fact that counsel for complainants have been away from their office for approximately one-half of the days comprising the 20-day response period. Since BNSF has filed a dispositive motion, which would terminate this proceeding if granted, complainant's reply is a significant pleading and warrants adequate preparatory time.

We are authorized to state that BNSF has no objection to this request. Nor do any of the other parties object to this request.

Sincerely,

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cc: All parties

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