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Re: STB Docket No. AB-850X, *St. Croix Valley Railroad Company -- Abandonment and Discontinuance of Service Exemption -- between Hinckley and Mora, in Pine and Kanabec Counties, MN*

Dear Mr. Williams:

St. Croix Valley Railroad Company (SCXY) hereby notifies the Board that effective March 1, 2004, SCXY consummated the exemption for abandonment and discontinuance of rail service in Kanabec County, Minnesota, contained in the Board's decision in the above proceeding, served July 7, 2003, i.e., between the border of Kanabec and Pine Counties, Minnesota and Mora, Minnesota, a distance of approximately 5.7 miles.

SCXY has not consummated abandonment and discontinuance as to the portion of the rail line in Pine County, Minnesota, i.e., between the Pine County-Kanabec County border and Mora Junction, Minnesota, a distance of approximately 2.5 miles, because that segment is subject to a notice of interim trail use (NITU) (*see* decision served August 6, 2003).

Ten copies accompany the original of this notice. All parties are being served. Kindly acknowledge receipt by date stamping the enclosed duplicate copy of this letter and return in the self-addressed stamped envelope.

Very truly yours,

Tom McFarland

Thomas F. McFarland
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cc: Sarah Bailiff, Esq.
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Mr. George LaPray