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Surface Transportation Board
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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:

Reference is made to my letter to you of March 9, 2004 in the above proceeding, in which St. Croix Valley Railroad Company (SCXY) notified the Board of consummation of the abandonment and discontinuance of rail service as to the segment of the rail line in Kanabec County, Minnesota, effective March 1, 2004.

SCXY has been advised by Ms. Judy Holyfield of your office that consummation is not possible because a condition to approval of abandonment and discontinuance in the decision served July 7, 2003 has not been satisfied, i.e., "SCXY shall retain its interest in and take no steps to alter the historic integrity of the right-of-way until completion of the section 106 process of the NHPA (National Historic Preservation Act)."

In light of Ms. Holyfield's advice, this hereby rescinds SCXY's notice of consummation.

Very truly yours,

Tom McFarland

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Railroad Company*

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cc: Sarah Bailiff, Esq.
Ms. Judy Holyfield
Kanabec County, Minnesota
Pine County, Minnesota
Mr. George LaPray
Minnesota Historic Preservation Office - *please advise regarding
completion of the section 106 process*