

PUBLIC NOTICE

Saltwater Courier News NOTICE OF INTENT TO ABANDON

The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company gives notice that on or after May 5, 2004, it intends to file with the Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423, an abandonment notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F — Exempt Abandonments permitting the abandonment of or discontinuance of service of 0.99 miles of railroad line between railroad M.P. 11.81 and M.P. 12.80, in Stillwater, Washington County, Minnesota, which line segment traverses through United States Postal Zip Code 55082. The proceeding will be docketed as No. AB-8 (Sub No. 413X) Section of Environmental Analyses (SEA) will generally prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA), which will normally be available 25 days after the filing of the notice of exemption. Comments on environmental and energy matters should be filed no later than 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public and will be addressed in a Board decision. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA or make inquiries regarding environmental matters by writing to the Section of Environmental Analysis, Surface Transportation Board, 1825 K Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20423-0001 or by calling that office at 202-685-1538.

Appropriate offers of financial assistance to continue rail service can be filed with the Board. Requests for environmental conditions, public use conditions, or rail banking/trails use also can be filed with the Board. An original and 10 copies of any pleading that raises matters other than environmental issues (such as trade use, public use, and offers of financial assistance) must be filed directly with the Board's Office of the Secretary, 1825 K Street, N.W., Washington DC 20423-0001 [See 49 CFR 1104.1(a) and 1104.3(a)], and one copy must be served on applicants' representative [See 49 CFR 1104.12(a)]. Questions regarding offers of financial assistance, public use or trails use may be directed to the Board's Office of Public Service at 202-565-1592. Copies of any comments or requests for conditions should be served on the applicant's representative Michael Smith, Freeborn & Peters, 311 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 3000, Chicago, Illinois 60606-8677 - telephone (312) 360-8724.

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Enclosed is a copy of the Notice of Intent to Abandon that was published in the Stillwater Courier News for the Abandonment in Stillwater, MN, AB-6 (Sub-No. 413X).

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