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Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
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Re: Surface Transportation Board Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 411X); The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company ("BNSF") Abandonment between Hoxie, Arkansas and Walport, Arkansas

Dear Secretary Williams:

Please reference Lawrence County's letter dated October 25, 2004, regarding the above-referenced matter. On May 24, 2004, the Board issued a decision in the above-referenced proceeding imposing a notice of interim trail use/rail banking (NITU) condition. The Board imposed a deadline of November 22, 2004 on the NITU. Due to ongoing negotiations with Lawrence County, BNSF requests an extension of the NITU for an additional 180 days (until May 22, 2005).

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 347-8667 or Sidney.Strickland@BNSF.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sidney L. Strickland, Jr.".
Sidney L. Strickland, Jr.

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