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The Honorable Vernon Williams
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Re: STB Docket No. AB-870X, Butler County, Kansas – Abandonment
Exemption -- In Butler County, KS

Dear Secretary Williams:

This is in response to the request dated April 26, 2005, by the Butler County Board of Commissioners ("Butler County"), for issuance of a Notice of Interim Trail Use ("NITU"), under the National Trails System Act, 16 U.S.C. § 1247(d), for the 10.6-rail line authorized for abandonment in this proceeding.

By decision issued September 14, 2004, the Surface Transportation Board ("Board") issued a NITU at the request of Prairie Travelers, Inc. Butler County was unable to reach an agreement with that organization and that NITU expired on March 13, 2005.

Butler County hereby notifies the Board that the County has not consummated the abandonment of the line and that the County intends to railbank the line.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please call me.

Sincerely,

Karl Morell
Attorney for Butler County

cc: Larry Powell