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**Re: Surface Transportation Board Docket No. AB-682X; Los Angeles Junction
Railway Company Abandonment in Maywood, Los Angeles County, California**

Dear Secretary Williams:

On August 11, 2005, the Los Angeles Junction Railway Company (LAJ), a wholly owned subsidiary of BNSF Railway Company, filed a Notice of Exemption seeking authority to abandon or discontinue service of a 0.46-mile line of railroad between LAJ Mile Marker 2.21 and LAJ Mile Marker 2.67 in Maywood, Los Angeles County, California. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Code 90270. By STB decision served August 31, 2005, the abandonment was to be effective as of September 30, 2005. Within that same decision, it stated that LAJ is to consummate the abandonment by August 31, 2006, or the authority to abandon will automatically expire. This letter is to advise you that LAJ is consummating abandonment of that portion of its line between LAJ Mile Marker 2.21 and LAJ Mile Marker 2.40, effective October 19, 2005. We plan to consummate abandonment of the remainder of the line in the near future and will advise you of the status of such consummation at a later date.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter by date stamping the enclosed copy of this letter and returning it to me in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

Ten (10) additional copies of this letter are enclosed for the Board's use and distribution.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Smith

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