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June 15, 2005

Honorable Vernon A. Williams  
Surface Transportation Board  
1925 K Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20423-0001

**Re: STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub. No. 422X); BNSF Railway Company-  
Abandonment Exemption-in Snohomish County, WA**

Dear Secretary Williams:

BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F-Exempt Abandonments to abandon and discontinue service over a 0.99-mile line of railroad between milepost 38.01 and milepost 39.00 in Snohomish, Snohomish County, WA. Notice of the exemption was served and published in the Federal Register on July 2, 2004 (69 FR 40470-71). The exemption became effective on August 4, 2004.

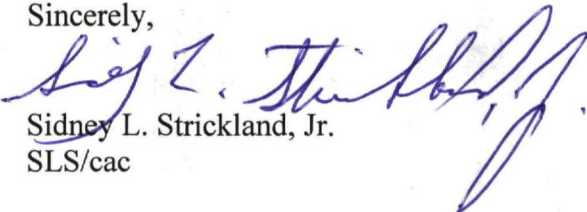
By decision served December 28, 2005, the STB granted BNSF's request for an extension of time to file a notice of consummation until July 1, 2006. Scheduling difficulties with salvagers have hampered the ability to conduct salvage activities. Accordingly, BNSF requests an extension of the consummation deadline until December 31, 2006.

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.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 338-1325.

Sincerely,

  
Sidney L. Strickland, Jr.  
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