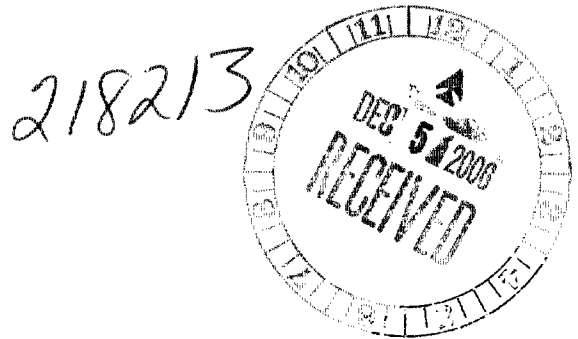




BIRMINGHAM SOUTHERN RAILROAD COMPANY

P.O. BOX 579
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December 4, 2006

Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street NW - Room 700
Washington, D. C. 20006

**Re: STB No. 192 (Sub - No. 2X) Birmingham Southern Railroad Company
Verified Notice of Exemption for Abandonment and Discontinuance of Service of 0.18
Mile of Birmingham Southern Railroad Company's "Old Port Branch" Line in Jefferson
County, Alabama**

Dear Mr. Williams:

Please extend the date of filing for the above-referenced matter from November 29, 2006, until December 4, 2006, in order to allow for the environmental agencies advance notice requirement of twenty days to be satisfied. I apologize for any inconvenience that this oversight has caused.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter by date stamping a copy of this letter and returning it to me in the enclosed self-addressed, DHL overnight envelope. Should you have any further questions concerning this matter, please contact me by calling (205) 783-2515.

Very truly yours,

Michael M. Partain
General Attorney

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