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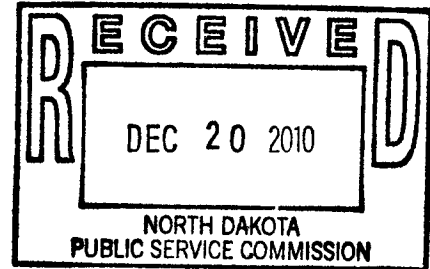
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North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard, Dept
Department 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Re: STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 473X), BNSF Railway Company --
Abandonment Exemption -- In Rolette and Towner Counties, ND

Dear Sir/Madam:

Please be advised that on or shortly after December 23, 2010, BNSF Railway Company ("BNSF") expects to file with the Surface Transportation Board ("STB") a Notice of Exemption seeking authority to abandon the 17.75-mile rail line located between Milepost 30.00, near Bisbee, and Milepost 47.75 in Rolla, in Rolette and Towner Counties (the "Line"). Based on information in BNSF's possession, the Line does contain some federally granted right of way. Any documentation in BNSF's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

In connection with the proposed abandonment, Federal Regulations at 49 C.F.R. 1152.50(d)(1) require that we provide you notice as to the following:

(1) Name of Railroad:

BNSF Railway Company

(2) Description of Line to be Abandoned:

The 17.75-mile rail line is located between Milepost 30.00, near Bisbee, and Milepost 47.75 in Rolla, in Rolette and Towner Counties. The Line traverses Zip Codes 58317, 58363 and 58367.

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**Notice of Abandonment Exemption - Rolette &
Towner Counties**

(3) Abandonment Procedures to be Followed:

BNSF intends to file a Notice of Exemption pursuant to 49 C.F.R. 1152.50. These exemption procedures are applicable to rail lines that have had no local traffic for at least 2 years and where any overhead traffic can be rerouted. No local or overhead traffic has moved over the Line for over 2 years.

(4) Date of Filing:

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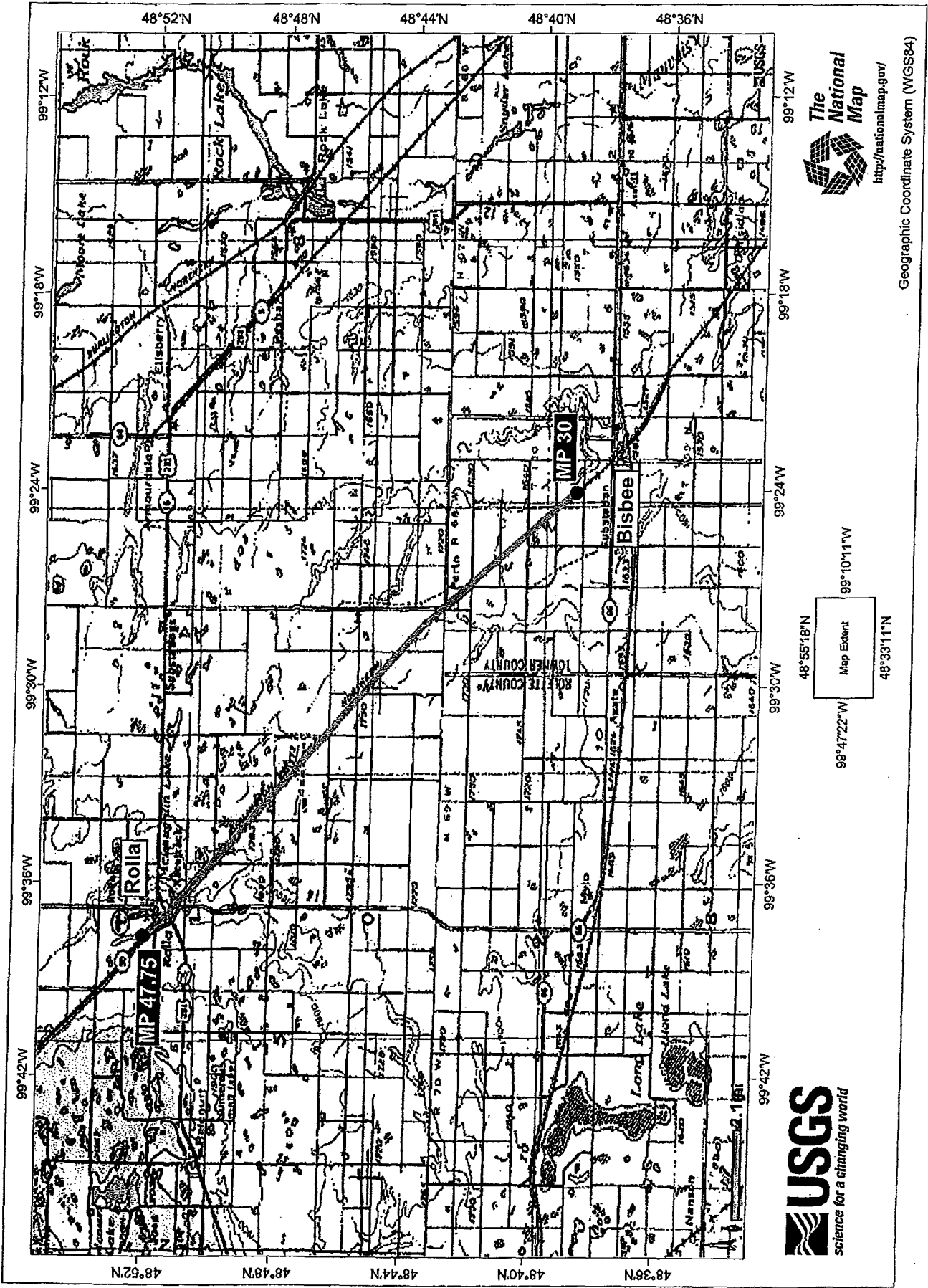
A map of the affected areas is enclosed. Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me.

Sincerely,



Karl Morell
Attorney for:
BNSF Railway Company

Enclosure



Geographic Coordinate System (WGS84)

Map Extent
 99°47'22"W 99°10'11"W
 48°33'11"N 48°55'18"N

