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Towner County Commissioners  
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Re: Case No. RR-10-645  
STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 473X)  
BNSF Railway Company  
Rolette and Towner Counties – 17.75 miles  
Rail Abandonment

Dear Commissioners,

BNSF Railway Company has notified the Public Service Commission that BNSF will be filing with the Surface Transportation Board a Notice of Exemption seeking authority to abandon 17.75 miles of rail line located in Rolette and Towner Counties, North Dakota, beginning at milepost 30.00, north of Bisbee and ending at the end of the line at milepost 47.75, in Rolla. The line traverses United States postal zip codes 58317 and 58367. A map of the line is enclosed.

This abandonment will be processed under an exemption provision before the federal Surface Transportation Board. The procedure permits an expedited abandonment time frame if a line has not been used in at least two years.

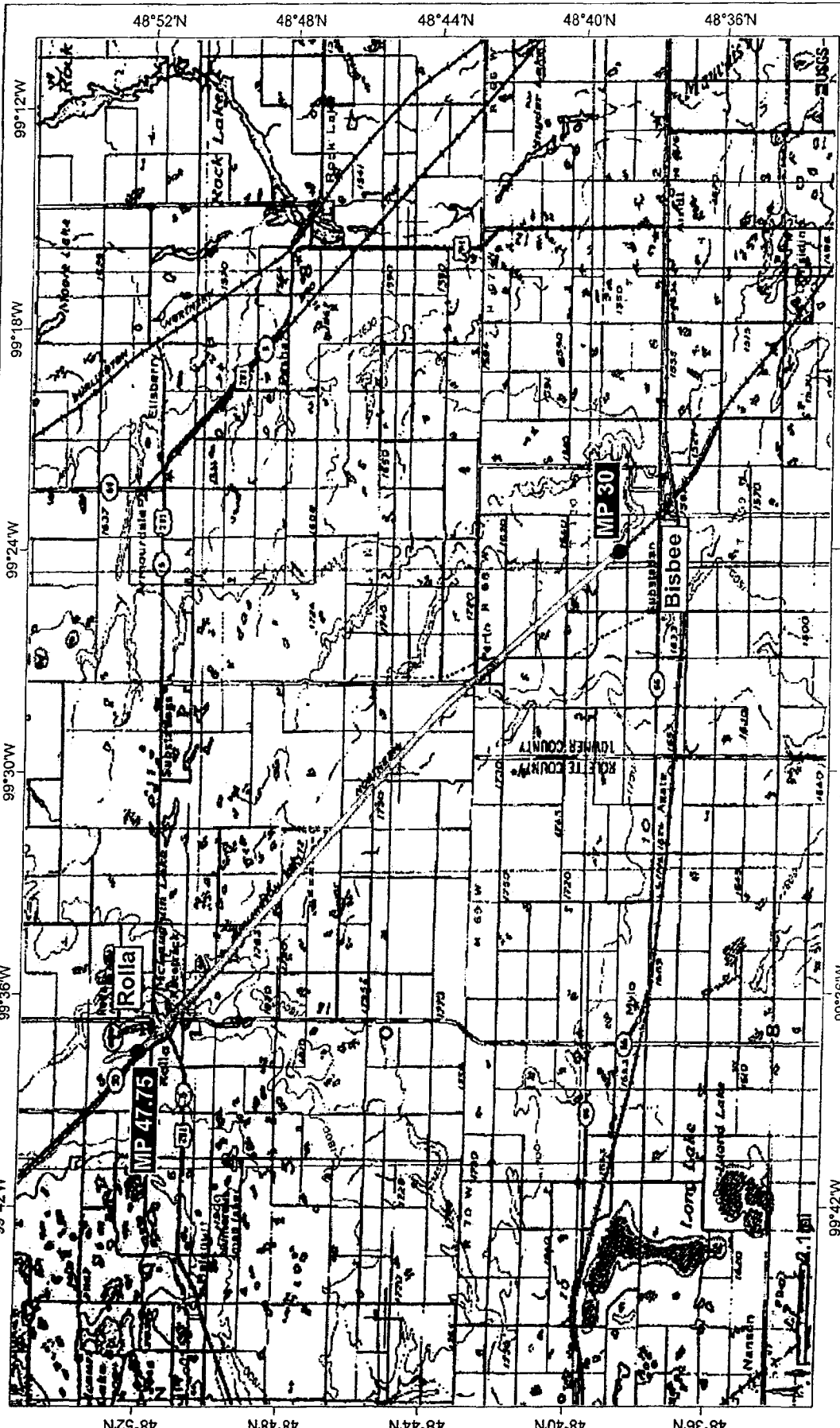
If this application is approved, BNSF Railway Company is expected to dismantle the line within the next two years. It is expected that at some time after the line is dismantled, the railroad will offer to sell, lease, exchange, or otherwise dispose of the land, under the requirements of North Dakota Century Code Section 49-09-04.2, to present owners or lessees of fixed assets located on the property, or to adjacent landowners, or for public recreational use.

If you have any questions about the abandonment application or how the Surface Transportation Board processes these cases, please contact Scott Sheldon at 701-328-4082. Mr. Sheldon is the Commission's Public Outreach Specialist and would be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,

Tony Clark  
Commissioner

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**Letter and Map Sent to Notification Contacts**



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<http://nationalmap.gov/>

Geographic Coordinate System (WGS84)

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

99°47'22"W 99°10'11"W

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