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The Honorable Kent Conrad  
United States Senate  
530 Hart Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Case No. RR-11-166  
STB Docket No. AB-1003 (Sub-No. 1X)  
Mohall Central Railroad, Inc.  
Cavalier County – 5.4 miles  
Rail Abandonment

Dear Senator Conrad,

Mohall Central Railroad, Inc. (MCR) has notified the Public Service Commission that MCR has filed with the Surface Transportation Board a Notice of Exemption seeking authority to abandon 5.4 miles of rail line located in Cavalier County, North Dakota, beginning at milepost 67.5, near Calvin, North Dakota and ending at milepost 72.9, at Sarles, North Dakota.

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, MCR 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