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**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

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

Re: STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 478X), BNSF Railway Company --  
 Abandonment Exemption -- In Case County, ND

Dear Sir/Madam:

Please be advised that on or shortly after November 1, 2011, BNSF Railway Company ("BNSF") expects to file with the Surface Transportation Board ("STB") a Notice of Exemption seeking authority to abandon the 7.40-mile rail line located between milepost 68.10, at Arthur, and milepost 75.50, at Hunter, in Cass County, North Dakota (the "Line"). Based on information in BNSF's possession, the Line contains 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 7.40-mile rail line is located between milepost 68.10, at Arthur, and milepost 75.50, at, Hunter, in Cass County, North Dakota. The Line traverses U.S. Zip Codes 58006 and 58048.



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(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:

BNSF expects to file its Notice of Exemption with the STB on or shortly after November 1, 2011.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karl Morell".

Karl Morell  
Of Counsel

Enclosure

# Arthur - Hunter, ND

