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**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

North Dakota Public Service Commission  
600 E. Boulevard, Dept. 408  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Re: STB Docket No. AB 6 (Sub-No. 481X), BNSF Railway Company --  
Abandonment Exemption -- In Walsh and Pembina Counties, ND

Dear Sir/Madam:

Please be advised that on or shortly after April 16, 2012, BNSF Railway Company ("BNSF") expects to file with the Surface Transportation Board ("STB") a Notice of Exemption seeking authority to abandon the 18.12-mile rail line located between milepost 42.08 in Grafton and milepost 60.20 in Grafton, within Walsh and Pembina Counties, North Dakota (the "Line"). Based on information in BNSF's possession, the Line does contain 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 18.12-mile rail line is located between milepost 42.08 in Grafton and milepost 60.20 in Glasston, within Walsh and Pembina Counties, North Dakota. The Line traverses U.S. Zip Codes 58236, 58237 and 58276.



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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 April 16, 2012.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karl Morell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Karl Morell  
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Enclosure

