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November 19, 2004

Honorable Vernon A. Williams
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1925 K Street, N.W.
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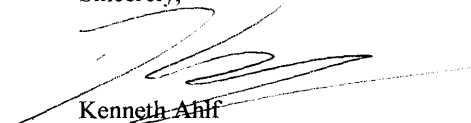
**Re: Surface Transportation Board Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 410X); The
Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company ("BNSF")
Abandonment between Quadlok, Washington and Olympia, Washington**

Dear Secretary Williams:

Please reference the City of Lacey and the City of Olympia request for a Public Use Condition as well as a Certificate or Notice of Interim Trail Use filed April 5, 2004. On May 24, 2004, the Board issued a decision in the above-referenced proceeding imposing a notice of interim trail use/rail banking (NITU) condition. The Board imposed a deadline of November 22, 2004 on the NITU. Due to ongoing negotiations with BNSF the cities of Lacey and Olympia request an extension of the NITU for an additional 14 days (until December 6, 2004). We also request a waiver of the extension fee due to our status as public bodies.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (360) 491-1802 or Sidney.Strickland@BNSF.com.

Sincerely,


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