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395 E Street, S.W.
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Re: Docket No. AB-497 (Sub-No. 4X), *Minnesota Northern Railroad, Inc.* --
Abandonment Exemption -- in Norman County, MN

Dear Ms. Quinlan:

In a decision in the above proceeding served on January 22, 2009, the Section 106 historic preservation condition to approval of the proposed abandonment was removed.

This communication is notice to the Board and to all parties that Minnesota Northern Railroad, Inc. has consummated that abandonment as of the date of this letter.

Very truly yours,

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