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Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
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Re: Surface Transportation Board Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 406X); The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company Abandonment in South Hutchinson, Reno County, Kansas

Dear Secretary Williams:

Please reference the City of South Hutchinson's letter dated September 10, 2004, regarding the above-referenced matter. On April 8, 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 October 7, 2004 on the NITU. Due to ongoing negotiations with the City of South Hutchinson, BNSF requests an extension of the NITU for an additional 180 days (until April 7, 2005).

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 347-8667.

Sincerely,

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cc: Donald Gottschalk (City of South Hutchinson)
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