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Cynthia Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
Surface Transportation Board
Office of Proceedings
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

Re: Docket No. AB 6 (Sub-No. 493X), BNSF Railway Company --
Abandonment Exemption -- In Cook County, ILL.

Dear Ms. Brown:

This is in response to the request dated February 22, 2018, by the City of Chicago, for an extension of the Notice of Interim Trail Use ("NITU"), issued in this proceeding, under the National Trails System Act, 16 U.S.C. § 1247(d), for the 0.89 miles of track on the Lumber District Lead beginning just west of Laflin Street at Engineering Station 118+00 and proceeding east along West Cermak Road to the most easterly point at Engineering Station 157+65 and heading north along the Sangamon Street Lead at Engineering Station 163+50, including both legs of the wye, in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois (the "Line").

BNSF Railway Company ("BNSF") hereby notifies the Surface Transportation Board that BNSF has not consummated the abandonment of the Line and does not object to the requested extension of the NITU.

If you have any questions, please call me.

Sincerely,



Karl Morell

cc: Rebekah Scheinfeld