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The Honorable Vernon Williams
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W., Suite 715
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: *STB Docket No. AB-603 (Sub-No. 1X), V and S Railway, Inc.-
Abandonment Exemption—In Barber County, Kansas*

Dear Secretary Williams:

On January 26, 2004, American Trails Association, Inc. ("ATA"), filed a request for the issuance of a notice of interim trail use ("NITU") for the 20-mile rail line authorized for abandonment in this proceeding. By decision served February 27, 2004, the Board reopened this proceeding and issued the requested NITU.

V and S Railway, Inc. ("VSR") hereby notifies the Board that on March 9, 2004, VSR and ATA reached a trail use/rail banking agreement. Pursuant to that agreement, ATA will take possession of the corridor pursuant to the National Trails System Act, 16 U.S.C. 1247(d).

If you have any questions, please call me.

Sincerely,

Karl Morell

cc: Steven Van Wagenen

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