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**VIA UPS OVERNIGHT MAIL**

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Mr. Vernon A. Williams  
Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
1925 K Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20423-0001

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**Re: Surface Transportation Board Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 400X); The  
Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company Abandonment  
between Franklin and Red Cloud, in Franklin and Webster Counties,  
Nebraska**

Dear Secretary Williams:

On April 3, 2003, 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 1, 2003 on the NITU. Due to ongoing negotiations with the Nebraska Trails Foundation, Inc., at this time, BNSF requests an extension of the NITU for an additional 180 days (until March 29, 2004).

Sincerely,

  
Sarah Whitley Bailiff

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cc: Ross Greathouse (for Nebraska Trails Foundation, Inc.)  
Richard Batie