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The Honorable Vernon Williams
Secretary
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Re: STB Docket No. AB-603 (Sub-No. 1X), V and S Railway, Inc. –
Abandonment Exemption -- In Barber County, Kansas

Dear Secretary Williams:

This is in response to the request dated January 15, 2004, by American Trails Association, Inc. ("ATA"), for issuance of a Notice of Interim Trail Use ("NITU"), under the National Trails System Act, 16 U.S.C. § 1247(d), for the 20-mile rail line located between milepost 21.0, at Medicine Lodge, and milepost 41.0, at Sun City authorized for abandonment in this proceeding.

V and S Railway, Inc. ("VSR") hereby notifies the Board that VSR has not consummated the abandonment of the line and is willing to negotiate for trail use with ATA.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please call me.

Sincerely,

Karl Morell

cc: Steven Van Wagenen