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VIA FACSIMILE (202-565-9004) AND U.S. MAIL

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

**Re: Soo Line Railroad Company – Abandonment Exemption – In Ramsey and Benson
Counties, ND; Surface Transportation Board Docket Number AB-57 (Sub No. 54X);
Request for an Extension of Time to File a Notice of Consummation**

Dear Secretary Williams:

On October 4, 2004, Soo Line Railroad Company, d/b/a Canadian Pacific Railway ("Soo Line") filed a Notice of Exemption (the "Notice") pertaining to abandonment of a 28.35 +/- mile line of railroad between milepost 446.0 +/-, in Devils Lake, Ramsey County, North Dakota and milepost 474.35 +/- in Harlow, Benson County, North Dakota. The Notice was served and published in the Federal Register on October 22, 2004. 69 Fed. Reg. 62,117 (Oct. 22, 2004). The exemption became effective on November 23, 2004 and the current consummation deadline is October 22, 2005.

Pursuant to 49 CFR § 1152.29(e)(2), Soo Line requests an extension of the consummation period to October 22, 2006. The extension is needed due primarily to increasing inundation of portions of the line to be abandoned as the result of flooding of nearby Devils Lake. Track removal and salvage has been delayed, requiring the requested extension.

I have enclosed the original and ten (10) copies of this letter. Please acknowledge receipt of this letter by date-stamping a copy of this letter and returning it to me in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

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