



Red River Valley & Western

RAILROAD COMPANY

May 29, 2002

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By Hand Delivery STB

Honorable Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
925 - K Street, 7th Floor
Washington, DC 20423

Re: STB Docket No. AB-391 (Sub-No. 8X), Red River Valley & Western Railroad Company
- Abandonment Exemption - in Dickey County, ND, and Brown County, SD

Dear Mr. Williams:

In the above-referenced docket number, Red River Valley & Western Railroad Company ("RRVW") filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F to abandon approximately 18.3 miles of rail line from approximately milepost 134.65 in or near Oakes, in Dickey County, ND, to approximately milepost 116.3 in or near Hecla, in Brown County, SD (the "Subject Line"). On September 7, 2001, the Surface Transportation Board ("Board") published the notice in the Federal Register, stating that "Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, these exemptions will be effective on October 9, 2001, unless stayed pending reconsideration." The Board's notice also stated that, "Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), RRVW shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority granted and fully abandoned the line."

To RRVW's knowledge, no formal expression of intent to file an OFA has been filed with the Board, nor has the proceeding been stayed pending reconsideration. On October 12, 2001, RRVW filed a notice of consummation, stating that it had exercised its authority to abandon the Subject Line. By decision served October 17, 2001, however, the notice was rejected as premature because of outstanding regulatory barriers. There are no longer outstanding regulatory barriers to RRVW's exercising of its abandonment authority. Thus, pursuant to Section 1152.29(e)(2) and the Board's order of September 7, 2001, RRVW hereby notifies the Board that, as of May 28, 2002, RRVW has consummated the abandonment, fully exercising the authority granted.

Please feel free to contact our representative with any questions in this matter: Troy W. Garris, Weiner Brodsky Sidman Kider PC, 1300 19th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036-1609, (202) 628-2000.

Very truly yours,

William F. Drusch

President

Red River Valley & Western Railroad Company

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