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BY HAND

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

Re: Docket AB-391 (Sub-No. 10X), Red River Valley & Western Railroad Company
-- Abandonment in Foster and Wells Counties, North Dakota

Dear Secretary Williams:

On October 14, 2004, Red River Valley & Western Railroad Company ("RRVW") filed a notice of exemption with the Surface Transportation Board (the "Board") to abandon a rail line in North Dakota. In a notice served November 3, 2004, the Board directed RRVW to file a notice of consummation with respect to the abandonment by November 3, 2005. In a decision served December 1, 2004, the Surface Transportation Board reopened the above-referenced proceeding and placed certain conditions on the abandonment by RRVW of the subject line. Those conditions included the completion of a section 106 process of the National Historic Preservation Act and consultation with various agencies such as the Army Corps of Engineers.

One or more of these conditions remain outstanding. Also, after consulting with the Army Corps of Engineers, RRVW determined that a permit likely would be needed to remove certain bridges on the subject line. Accordingly, RRVW applied for, and has received, a permit that is valid until December 7, 2006.

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29(e)(2), RRVW would be required to consummate the abandonment by the later of (i) November 3, 2005, or (ii) sixty days following the satisfaction, removal or expiration of any remaining regulatory/legal conditions. RRVW respectfully requests that the deadline for consummating its abandonment of the subject line be extended until December 7, 2006. The extension will enable RRVW to coordinate its consummation of abandonment authority with any removal of the bridges. The Board has previously granted a similar extension in STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 400X), *The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company – Abandonment Exemption – In Franklin and Webster Counties, NE*,

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served December 23, 2004. In addition, the extension will provide RRVW with additional time to consider all of its options regarding long-term plans for the rail line, and will remove uncertainty as to the date on which any remaining regulatory/legal conditions are considered to be satisfied, expired or removed.

Enclosed are ten copies of this letter for the Board's use and distribution.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rose-Michele Nardi".

Rose-Michele Nardi