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**VIA FACSIMILE AND
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January 31, 2005

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

Re: **Surface Transportation Board Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 422X); The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company ("BNSF") Abandonment in Snohomish, Washington**

Dear Secretary Williams:

Please reference the City of Snohomish's letter dated January 28, 2005, regarding the above-referenced abandonment.

On August 3, 2004, the Board issued a decision in the above-referenced proceeding imposing a Notice of Interim Trail Use/Railbanking ("NITU") condition. The Board imposed a deadline of January 31, 2005, on the NITU. BNSF has not consummated the abandonment. Due to ongoing negotiations with the City of Snohomish, BNSF concurs with the City's request for a 90-day extension (until May 1, 2005).

Sincerely,

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