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 GRANTED Office of Proceedings ☐	DECISION ID NO. 50132
	DECIDED DATE: 2-14-20
	SERVED DATE: 2-18-2020
	APPROVED:  Acting Director

Re: Docket No. AB 6 (Sub-No. 487X), BNSF Railway Company --
Abandonment Exemption -- In Cook County, Illinois

Dear Ms. Brown:

On February 14, 2013, BNSF Railway Company ("BNSF") filed a Notice of Exemption to abandon service on two segments of its rail lines located: (1) between Station 186+79 and Station 163+50; and (2) between Station 157+65 and Station 197+81. By decision served March 1, 2013, the Surface Transportation Board ("Board") granted the requested exemption effective April 5, 2013. In that decision, the Board noted that the abandonment must be consummated by March 6, 2014, if there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation.

At the request of the City of Chicago ("City"), the Board issued a decision and notice of interim trail use or abandonment ("NITU") by decision served on April 4, 2013. By decision served February 27, 2014, the Board extended the NITU for the rail lines located: (1) between Station 185+77 and Station 163+50; and (2) between Station 157+65 and Station 197+81. BNSF was not agreeable to an extension of the NITU for the portion of the line located between Station 186+79 and Station 185+77.

By decision served March 5, 2014, the Board extended the consummation deadline until February 26, 2015 for the portion of the line located between Station 186+79 and Station 185+77.

By decision served February 11, 2015, the Board further extended the consummation deadline until February 26, 2016 for the portion of the line located between Station 186+79 and Station 185+77.

By decision served February 4, 2016, the Board extended the consummation deadline until February 26, 2017 for the portion of the line located between Station 186+79 and Station 185+77. By decision served February 1, 2017, the Board extended the consummation deadline until February 26, 2018 for the portion of the line located between Station 186+79 and Station 185+77.

By decision served February 26, 2018, the Board extended the consummation deadline until February 26, 2019 for the portion of the line located between Station 186+79 and Station 185+77.

By decision served February 22, 2019, the Board extended the consummation deadline until February 26, 2020 for the portion of the line located between Station 186+79 and Station 185+77.

BNSF hereby seeks an additional extension until February 26, 2021 of the consummation deadline for the rail line located between Station 186+79 and Station 185+77. That portion of the line contains a bridge that needs to be demolished. BNSF has been working with the City to have the bridge demolished and needs more time to complete the demolition of the bridge.

If you have any question, please call me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karl Morell".

Karl Morell

cc: Rebekah Scheinfeld