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Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Case Control Unit, Suite 713
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: STB Docket No. AB-497 (Sub-No. 3X), *Minnesota Northern Railroad, Inc. --
Abandonment Exemption -- in Polk and Norman Counties, MN*

Dear Mr. Williams:

This is to advise the Board that Petitioner Minnesota Northern Railroad, Inc. is willing to negotiate with Agassiz Recreational Trail Joint Powers Board for railbanking and interim recreational trail use of the railroad right-of-way involved in the above proceeding.

Very truly yours,



Thomas F. McFarland
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Railroad, Inc.*

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cc: Mr. George LaPray - *Minnesota Northern Railroad, Inc.*
Mr. Russell Borgen - *Agassiz Recreational Rail Joint Powers Board*