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MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
State Historic Preservation Office

June 1, 2006

Ms. Victoria Rutsen
Office of the Secretary
Case Control Unit – Docket No. 33407
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Re: STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub No. 433X) BNSF Railway Company
BNSF Railway to abandon 5.40 miles of railroad line between milepost 15.60
near Georgetown in Clay County and milepost 21.00 near Perley in Norman County
SHPO Number: 2006-0480

Dear Ms. Rutsen:

We wrote you on 26 April 2006 regarding the above referenced proposed abandonment, recommending that the line be evaluated for National Register eligibility.

As we have informed you recently by telephone, our review failed to locate a previous evaluation of this particular line, which had concluded that the line did meet National Register criteria. Therefore, the recommended evaluation will not be necessary. We apologize for the confusion.

Abandonment of an eligible line such as this one, without assurance that its essential characteristics will be preserved, would constitute a potential adverse effect. However, we have no specific mitigation measures to suggest for this particular 5.40 miles of abandonment.

Contact me at 651-205-4205 with questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Kelly Thagg Johnson

Dennis A. Gimmestad
Government Programs & Compliance Officer

cc: Sidney L. Strickland