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Ms. Victoria Rutson
Section of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
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Re: Docket No. AB No. 416 (Sub-No. 3X), *San Bernardino Associated Governments*
– *Abandonment – In San Bernardino County, CA*

Dear Ms. Rutson:

I am attaching for your information a Notice of Exemption we filed today on behalf of San Bernardino Associated Governments (“SANBAG”) in the above-referenced proceeding. In this proceeding, SANBAG is relying on the Environmental and Historic Reports submitted by Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Company (“BNSF”) in Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 398X), *The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Ry. Co. – Abandonment Exemption – In San Bernardino County, CA*. A copy of those reports (without attachments) is also attached for your ready reference.

SANBAG’s Notice of Exemption refers, at pages 1-2, to the previous decision of the STB that permits SANBAG to rely on the reports prepared by the freight railroad when it abandons lines of railroad over which the freight carrier has received authorization to discontinue its freight service operations.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me or my colleague Alex Menendez at the above phone numbers.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

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