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BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DOCKET NO. AB-872X

GREAT NORTHWEST RAILROAD, INC.
- ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION -
IN CLEARWATER COUNTY, IDAHO

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
TO COMMENT ON ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Idaho Department of Lands ("IDL"), Idaho Department of Water Resources ("IDWR"), and Idaho Department of Environmental Quality ("IDEQ"), by and through their attorney, Deputy Attorney General Emily Kane, respectfully request an extension of

the due date for comments regarding the Environmental Assessment, to October 25, 2004. Due to the comprehensive nature of IDL's and IDEQ's response to the Environmental Assessment, and the significant environmental ramifications of the proposed abandonment, we are continuing to gather information that will be of assistance to the Surface Transportation Board in analyzing the recommendations of the Section of Environmental Analysis.

DATED this 4th day of October 2004.



EMILY KANE
Deputy Attorney General
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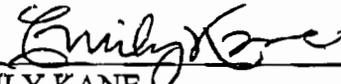
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 4th day of October 2004, I caused to be served a true and correct copy of the foregoing **REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO COMMENT ON ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**, by placing the same in the United States Mail at Boise, Idaho, postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

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