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Idaho Public Utilities Commission 472 West Washington Street P.O. Box 83720 Boise, ID 83720-0074

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Re: STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub. No. 441X) BNSF Railway Company— Abandonment Exemption – in Kootenai County, ID

Dear Sir or Madam:

BNSF Railway Company ("BNSF") plans on filing with the Surface Transportation Board ("STB") a Notice of Exemption seeking authority to abandon 2.12 miles of railroad line between Milepost 12.33 and Milepost 14.45, in Coeur d'Alene in Kootenai County, Idaho (the "Line"). There has been no local traffic on the Line for over two years and there is no overhead traffic to be rerouted. Based on information in our possession, there is one parcel of federally granted right-of-way within the corridor. Any documentation in BNSF's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

In connection with the proposed abandonment, Federal Regulations at 49 C.F.R. 1152.50(d)(1) require that we provide you notice as to the following:

(1) Name of Railroad:

BNSF Railway Company.

(2) Description of Line to be Abandoned:

The rail line to be abandoned by BNSF is between Milepost 12.33 and Milepost 14.45, in Coeur d'Alene in Kootenai County, Idaho. The rail line traverses through United States Postal Service Zip Codes 83814 and 83816.

(3) Abandonment Procedures to be Followed:

BNSF intends to file a Notice of Exemption pursuant to 49 C.F.R. 1152.50. These exemption procedures are applicable to rail lines

that have had no local traffic for at least two years and where any overhead traffic can be rerouted.

(4) Date of Filing:

BNSF expects to file the Notice of Exemption with the Surface Transportation Board on or after June 13, 2006.

A map of the affected areas is enclosed. Should you have any questions regarding the matter, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Sidney L. Strickland, Jr. Attorney for: BNSF Railway Company

Enclosure

