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**Federal Aviation  
Administration**

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Mr. Scot Stone  
Deputy Chief, Mobility Division  
Wireless Telecommunications Bureau  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: BNSF Railway Co.  
Applications for Aeronautical Authority at Clovis, Carnero, Fort Sumner, and  
Mountainair, NM  
FCC File Nos. 0007445861, 0007445864, 0007445860**

Dear Mr. Stone:

On behalf of the Federal Aviation Administration (“FAA”), this is to notify the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) that the FAA is working in partnership with BNSF Railway in researching methods and technologies that will allow for the safe use of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) in the national airspace.

The FAA supports BNSF’s requests for authority for experimental radio service. BNSF will operate the Stations to promote safe and effective UAS flight operations in connection with efforts to explore the use of UAS in safeguarding the safety and security of railroad rights-of-way and infrastructure. The Stations are expected to be a significant tool to notify other aircraft of the presence of UAS flights and to ensure flight operational areas do not present a hazard to air navigation.

If there are any questions, please contact our UAS Integration Office at (202) 267-8306.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Earl Lawrence".

Earl Lawrence  
Director  
UAS Integration Office