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NORTHERN LINES RAILWAY RECOGNIZED BY BNSF RAILWAY

CHICAGO/ST. CLOUD, Minn., Oct. 20--Northern Lines Railway, LLC (NLR) announced today that it has received the "BNSF Short Line Achievement Award". The award was presented by BNSF at the 2006 BNSF Short Line Conference held in Fort Worth, Texas, on October 16.

Northern Lines Railway was recognized for its successful efforts in attracting new rail customers and gaining additional business from existing rail customers.

NLR was formed in 2004 when it acquired BNSF track the vicinity of St. Cloud, Minn. It is one of 200 short line and regional carriers that connect with BNSF.

Mark Schmidt, BNSF Assistant Vice President-Short Line Development, stated, "Through innovative marketing and excellent local service, NLR has been able to convert to rail significant amounts of traffic previously moving by truck. We greatly appreciate our relationship with NLR and look forward to new opportunities."

Dan Rickel, NLR President, stated, "We are honored to receive this prestigious award and greatly appreciate the recognition by our service partner BNSF. We look forward to working with BNSF to grow together."

Northern Lines Railway, LLC and Anacostia Rail Holdings Company are affiliates of Anacostia & Pacific Company, Inc., a transportation and development firm based in Chicago. Anacostia & Pacific rail affiliates, which include the Chicago SouthShore & South Bend Railroad; the Louisville & Indiana Railroad; the New York & Atlantic Railway and Pacific Harbor Line, Inc., operate in major markets such as Chicago, New York, Indianapolis, and Los Angeles Long Beach. Additional information is available at www.anacostia.com.

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