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Re: West Michigan Railroad Co. ("WMI")
Van Buren County, Michigan
STB Docket Number AB-1107X

Dear Secretary:

Please allow this correspondence to serve as a request on behalf of the Friends of the Kal-Haven Trail ("Friends") and Van Buren County Board of Park Trustees ("Park Trustees") for an extension of time within which to negotiate the acquisition of the line for public use.

Currently both the Friends and the Park Trustees are in discussions with the local corridor officials, including the county, villages, cities and townships as well as the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission, local snowmobile clubs and the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians.

Specifically, the Friends and the Park Trustees request an extension of 180 days to negotiate an interim trail use agreement. It is the understanding of the Friends and the Park Trustees that West Michigan Railroad Company does not oppose this extension request.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence B. Hummel, P.E. on behalf of the **Friends of the Kal-Haven Trail**, a Michigan non-profit corporation and **Van Buren County Board of Park Trustees**, a government agency

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