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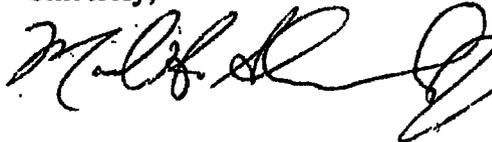
**NOTICE OF EXTENSION OF TRAIL USE NEGOTIATION PERIOD  
FOR A PORTION OF THE LINE**

**RE: Union Pacific Railroad Company - Abandonment - From Milepost 196.7 near Essex, to Milepost 216.27 near Miner, a distance of 19.57 miles in New Madrid, Scott, and Stoddard Counties, Missouri (Essex to Miner Line); STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 261)**

Dear Ms. Brown:

Union Pacific Railroad Company ("Union Pacific") has received a request from the City of Sikeston, (the "City"), seeking to extend the negotiation period covering the issuance of a Certificate or Notice of Interim Trail Use pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 1247(d) and 49 C.F.R. §1152.29 for the portion of the Union Pacific's Essex to Miner Line (the "Line") from Milepost 208.95 near Sikeston to the end of the Line at Milepost 216.27 near Miner, a distance of 7.32 miles in New Madrid and Scott Counties, Missouri. A copy of the City's request for extension is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and hereby made a part hereof. Union Pacific is willing to extend the negotiation period for that portion of the Line from Milepost 208.95 near Sikeston to the end of the Line at Milepost 216.27 near Miner for a period of 181 days to September 10, 2012.

Sincerely,



Attachment

cc: City of Sikeston

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Re: STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 261), Union Pacific R.R. –  
Abandonment – In New Madrid, Scott, and Stoddard Counties, MO

Dear Ms. Brown:

By decision served June 17, 2009 in the above-referenced proceeding, the Board issued a Certificate of Interim Trail Use ("CITU"). As set forth in the Board's decision served on November 7, 2011, the Board extended the CITU negotiating period to March 5, 2012 for a portion of the line extending from MP 208.95 near Sikeston, MO to MP 216.27 near Miner, MO.

Union Pacific Railroad Company ("UP") and the City of Sikeston, Missouri ("Sikeston") continue to be engaged in negotiations concerning a trail use agreement for the portion of the line between MP 208.95 and MP 216.27, but, to date, these negotiations have not led to the completion of a final agreement.

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Sikeston respectfully requests that the Board issue an order further extending the CITU negotiating period by an additional 181 days (180 days would result in a Sunday deadline) in order to permit Sikeston and UP to continue their ongoing negotiations. In addition, Sikeston has conferred with UP, and UP concurs with the foregoing request.

Respectfully submitted,



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