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Re: **Docket No. AB-414 (Sub-No. 8X)**
Iowa Interstate Railroad, Ltd. -- Abandonment
Exemption -- In Polk, Jasper and Marion Counties, IA

Dear Ms. Brown:

By decision served in the above-captioned proceeding on August 18, 2014, Iowa Interstate Railroad, Ltd. ("IAIS") was granted an exemption for the abandonment of three segments of rail line: (1) from milepost 145.75 south of Mitchellville, Iowa to milepost 135.0 southeast of Prairie City, Iowa (the "Prairie City Segment"); (2) from milepost 129.4 in Monroe, Iowa to milepost 123.50 near Otley, Iowa (the "Otley Segment"); and (3) from milepost 123.50 near Otley to milepost 114.80 in Pella, Iowa (the "Pella Segment"). The segment between the Prairie City Segment and the Otley Segment (from milepost 135.0 south of Prairie City to milepost 129.4 in Monroe) was found to be subject to a notice of interim trail use ("NITU") issued in an earlier abandonment proceeding and was not included in the abandonment authorization issued in this proceeding. *See Iowa Interstate Railroad, Ltd. -- Abandonment Exemption -- In Marion and Jasper Counties, Iowa*, Docket No. AB-414 (Sub-No. 3X) (STB served August 18, 2014).

By letter dated and filed September 23, 2014, IAIS provided notice that it had consummated the abandonment of the Otley Segment and the Pella Segment as of September 17, 2014. IAIS has not consummated the abandonment of the Prairie City Segment.

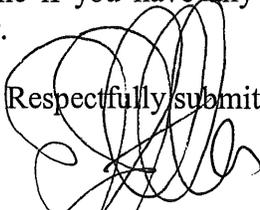
IAIS does not object to the request for a notice of interim trail use and rail banking condition dated and filed August 12, 2015 by the Jasper and Polk County Conservation Boards ("the Boards"), the Cities of Prairie City and Mitchellville ("the Cities") and the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation ("INHF") regarding the Prairie City Segment. IAIS is willing to negotiate for a possible interim trail use/rail banking agreement with the Boards, the Cities and INHF.

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Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding this filing.
Thank you for your assistance on this matter.

Respectfully submitted,



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