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Dear Ms. Brown:

SUBJECT: Central Michigan Railway Company - Abandonment Exemption - in Kent County, MI - STB Docket No. AB-308 (Sub-No. 4X)

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) hereby respectfully requests a 180-day extension of the railbanking period provided by your Decision of November 2, 2009. The Michigan DNR and Central Michigan Railway Company are continuing negotiations towards an agreement, and expect to complete an agreement within 180 days.

Should you require further information, please contact Mr. Roger Storm, DNR Trailway Acquisition Specialist, at 517-335-3258; or DNR, P.O. Box 30445, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7948; or you may contact me.

Sincerely,

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cc: Mr. William A. Mullins, Baker & Miller, PLLC
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