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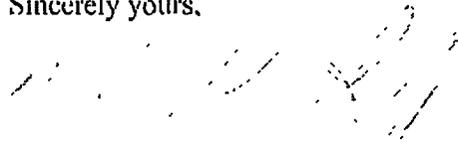
RE: Abandonment Exemption -- Hartland Subdivision, from approximately M.P. 119.65 at Curtis, to the point of connection with the Albert Lea Subdivision, to the end of Union Pacific ownership at M.P. 107.0 near Hartland, a distance of 12.65 miles in Freeborn County, Minnesota; STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 298X)

Dear Ms. Brown:

Union Pacific Railroad Company ("Union Pacific") has received a request from Freeborn County Minnesota dated December 29, 2011 seeking extension of interim trail use and rail banking under the provisions of 16 U.S.C. §1247(d) and 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29 regarding that portion of the Union Pacific's right-of-way known as the Hartland Subdivision, as defined above, a distance of 12.65 miles in Freeborn County, Minnesota. The request also seeks extension of the permit for public use.

The Union Pacific is of the opinion that jurisdiction regarding public use under 49 C.F.R. § 1152.28 expires after the initial 180-day period and does not agree to an extension of the period for imposition of public use conditions. However, Union Pacific is willing to extend the negotiation period with Freeborn County Minnesota concerning the acquisition of the subject property for trail use and supports the County's request for a 180-day extension of the negotiation period under 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29. A copy of Freeborn County's request is attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and hereby made a part hereof.

Sincerely yours,



Attachment

cc: Freeborn County Minnesota

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LAW DEPARTMENT
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RE: Decision and Notice of Interim Trail Use or Abandonment Union Pacific Railroad Company – Abandonment Exemption – In Freeborn County, Minnesota Docket No. AB 33 (Sub-No. 298X) Service Date – July 21, 2011.

Dear Ms. Brown:

Under the above described Decision and Notice, Interim Trail Use/Rail Banking for purposes of negotiation were granted until January 17, 2012 and the permit for public use negotiations was granted until January 18, 2012.

At this time, Freeborn County is formally requesting extension of both the Interim Trail Use/Rail Banking for purposes of negotiation and permit for public use negotiations for an additional 180 days from January 17, 2012 and January 18, 2012 respectively. This additional time is being requested in anticipation of fully completing this negotiation process during this period.

On behalf of the Freeborn County Board of Commissioner I appreciate your consideration of this request. Please contact me at your earliest convenience if you should have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John W. Kluever".

John W. Kluever
County Administrator

cc: Mack H. Shumate, Jr. – Union Pacific Senior General Attorney
Jim Harrel, Union Pacific Senior Manager – Real Estate