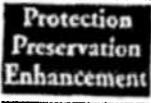


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RE: Docket No. AB-117 (SubNo. 7X), Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway Company - Abandonment Exemption - in Hammond, Lake County, Indiana

Dear Ms. Brown:

The Indiana Trails Fund respectfully requests for the Surface Transportation Board to grant an extension of 180 days for time to continue the negotiations toward completing Interim Trail Use in the above captioned proceeding.

This matter is continuing from the decision of July 7th, 2010 and extensions thereafter (January 3, 2011; July 3, 2011; December 28, 2011, and June 28, 2012).

The property, known as the Elgin Joliet, and Eastern Railway, extends from railroad milepost 46.10 (near Indianapolis Ave and 152nd Street) to railroad milepost 48.28 (near Hohman Ave and 149th Street latitude), a distance of 2.18 miles in Lake County, Indiana. The right-of-way is part of a line of the EJE Ry proposed for abandonment in STB Docket No. AB- 117 (Sub-No. 7X).

I certify that I am simultaneously serving this request to extend railbanking to the Elgin Joliet and Eastern Railway via the Canadian National RR Law Department, in the person of Mr. Thomas J. Healey, Counsel Regulatory, 17641 South Ashland Avenue, Homewood, Illinois 60430-1339, T = 708-332-4381, F = 708-332-4361, E-mail = tom.healey@cn.ca.

I am overnighting ten duplicates, and a \$450 check for the extension fee.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely, Richard Vonnegut, President

cc: Linda Armbruster, Manager Business Development and Real Estate,
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