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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown, Chief
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Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

SUBJECT: Escanaba & Lake Superior Railroad Company – Abandonment Exemption – in Ontonagon and Houghton Counties, Michigan, STB Docket No. AB-415 (Sub-No. 2X)

Dear Ms. Brown:

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) hereby respectfully requests a 180-day extension of the railbanking period provided by your Decision of September 27, 2010. The DNR and the Escanaba & Lake Superior Railroad Company have reestablished negotiations for trail use over the 42.93-mile rail line between milepost 408.02 at Ontonagon and milepost 365.09 at Sidnaw, in Ontonagon and Houghton Counties, MI. By decision served on April 14, 2011, the STB established an expiration date for trail use negotiation of June 26, 2011.

Should you require further information regarding this request, please contact Mr. Roger Storm, DNR Railway Acquisition Specialist, at 517-335-3258; or by writing to P.O. Box 30448, Lansing, MI 48909-7948; or you may contact me.

Sincerely,

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cc: Mr. John Larkin, Escanaba & Lake Superior Railroad Co.
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