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The Honorable Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W., Room #100
Washington, DC 20423-0001

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 1, 2014 seeking a 180 day extension of the negotiation period for 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.

After reviewing the request by telephone with John Kluever of Freeborn County it was confirmed and agreed as follows: (1) Union Pacific will concur 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 an 180-day extension extending the negotiation period under 49 C.F.R. §1152.29 from January 6, 2015 to July 5, 2015. (2) For railroad operation and safety reasons, the milepost references for the proposed trail will be reduced to MP 107.00 to MP 119.50, a distance of 12.50 miles. Madison Avenue will now be the southern end of the trail and keep such trail use away from UP's railroad operations at MP 119.65. (3) Union Pacific will retain the remaining segment from MP 119.50 to MP 119.65 in its railroad system. A copy of Freeborn County's request is attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and hereby made a part hereof.

Sincerely yours,



Mack H. Shumate, Jr.

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Attachment
cc: Freeborn County Minnesota
2014_12_05 UP 180 day extension



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December 1, 2014

The Honorable Cynthia T. Brown
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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 – June 20, 2012.

Dear Ms. Brown:

Under the above described Decision and Notice, Interim Trail Use (NITU) for purposes of negotiation were granted until January 6, 2015.

At this time, Freeborn County is formally requesting extension of (NITU) for purposes of negotiation and permit for public use negotiations for an additional 180 days from January 6, 2015. 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 blue ink that reads "John W. Kluever". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" being the most prominent.

John W. Kluever
County Administrator

cc: Mack H. Shumate, Jr. – Union Pacific Senior General Attorney
Jason Sokolewicz, Union Pacific – Real Estate