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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
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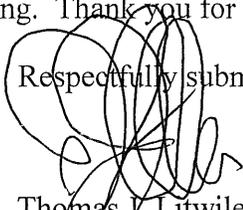
Re: **Docket No. AB-414 (Sub-No. 8X)**
Iowa Interstate Railroad, Ltd. -- Abandonment
Exemption -- In Polk, Jasper and Marion Counties, Iowa

Dear Ms. Brown:

Pursuant to the Notice of Interim Trail Use ("NITU") issued in the above-captioned proceeding on September 22, 2015 and in accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29(h), Iowa Interstate Railroad, Ltd. ("IAIS") and Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation ("INHF") hereby jointly notify the Board that on January 19, 2016 they entered into an "Interim Trail Use/Railbanking Purchase Agreement" with respect to a 10.75-mile right-of-way extending from Milepost 145.75 south of Mitchellville to Milepost 135.0 southeast of Prairie City in Polk and Jasper Counties, Iowa. The agreement encompasses the entire right-of-way covered by the NITU, and the parties certify that the agreement requires INHF to fulfill the responsibilities of 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29(a)(2). A map of the right-of-way is attached.

INHF has authorized this submission on its behalf. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding this filing. Thank you for your assistance on this matter.

Respectfully submitted,


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cc: Ms. Andrea Boulton, INHF
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145.75 Proposed EOT

135.0 End Of Tracks

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