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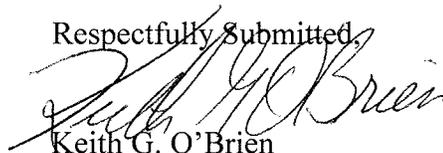
RE: STB Docket No. AB-415 (Sub-No. 2X)  
*Escanaba & Lake Superior Railroad Company — Line in Ontonagon and  
Houghton Counties, MI,*  
**Notice of Interim Trail Use Extension Request**

Dear Ms. Brown:

The Escanaba & Lake Superior Railroad Company ("ELS") has received a copy of a request by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources ("DNR") for a 180 day extension of the rail banking negotiation period provided by the Board's decision of September 27, 2010 which was forwarded by DNR for filing on September 11, 2013. It is noted that DNR previously submitted its statement of willingness to assume financial responsibility for the involved right-of-way ("ROW"), and acknowledged that use of the ROW is subject to possible reconstruction and reactivation of the line for rail service by its statement that was entered in the record on May 12, 2010. ELS has not consummated the authorized abandonment to date and since it is very much interested in progressing constructive discussion with DNR which was recently reestablished, ELS respectfully requests that the negotiating period under the Notice of Interim Trail Use ("NITU") be extended for 180 days to March 10, 2014.

If there are any questions concerning this request please contact me.

Respectfully Submitted,



Keith G. O'Brien

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cc: All parties of record