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Cynthia T. Brown
Chief of the Section of Administration, Office of Proceedings
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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 24, 2013. ELS is agreeable to continuing trail use negotiations with DNR only as to the northernmost 13 miles of the line between milepost 395.0 at Rockland and the end of the line at milepost 408.02 at Ontonagon. ELS has determined that it wants to use the remainder of the line between Rockland and Sidnaw for car storage and other non-common carrier purposes. Therefore, ELS intends to consummate its abandonment of that segment and to simultaneously reclassify it as ancillary track falling under 49 USC §10906.

Accordingly, ELS supports DNR's request for a 180-day extension to permit ongoing railbanking negotiations only as to the 13 mile segment between Ontonagon and Rockland. If there are any questions concerning this request please contact me.

Respectfully Submitted,



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cc: All parties of record