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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
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Re: **Docket No. AB-414 (Sub-No. 7X)**
Iowa Interstate Railroad, Ltd. -- Abandonment
Exemption -- In Pottawattamie County, Iowa

Dear Ms. Brown:

By notice of exemption served March 27, 2014 in the above-captioned proceeding, the Board authorized Iowa Interstate Railroad, Ltd. ("IAIS") to abandon a 1.82-mile rail line in western Iowa known as the Oakland Branch. By subsequent decision served February 11, 2015, the consummation period for the abandonment was extended to September 27, 2015. IAIS has not consummated the abandonment of the Oakland Branch.

IAIS does not object to the request for a notice of interim trail use and rail banking condition dated July 2, 2015 and filed on July 6, 2015 by the Pottawattamie County Conservation Board ("PCCB") and the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation ("INHF") regarding the Oakland Branch. IAIS is willing to negotiate for a possible interim trail use/rail banking agreement with PCCB and INHF.

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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