



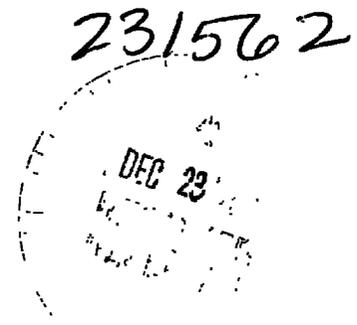
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Re: Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway Company Notice of Exemption for
Abandonment In Hammond, Lake County, Indiana
AB-117 (Sub No. 7X)

Dear Ms. Brown:

Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway Company agrees with the request for extension of an NITU by Indiana Trails Fund, Inc. as set forth in their December 19, 2011 correspondence to the STB.

Ten copies of this letter are enclosed.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

Thomas J. Healey,
Attorney for Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway Company

Enc.

cc: Indiana Trails Fund, Inc. (via email)