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Mr. Vernon Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
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**Re: Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 153X) – Union Pacific Railroad Company –
Abandonment Exemption – in Monroe County, IA (Oskaloosa
Subdivision Between Eddyville, IA and Maxon, IA)**

Dear Mr. Williams:

The Union Pacific Railroad Company has received a request from the Iowa Trails Council for a 180 day extension in which to complete negotiations for the acquisition of that portion of the Union Pacific's right-of-way in Monroe County, Iowa between milepost 315.1 and 322.9 for an interim recreational trail. The Union Pacific is willing to continue to negotiate with the Iowa Trails Council concerning the acquisition of the subject property for interim recreational trail and supports the Iowa Trails Council's request for an extension of the negotiation period for 180 days commencing February 25, 2002. A copy of the Iowa Trails Council's request is attached hereto as Exhibit A and hereby made a part hereof.

An additional ten (10) copies of this letter and exhibit are enclosed for the Board's use and distribution.

Very truly yours,

Mack H. Shumate, Jr.,
Senior General Attorney

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Enclosures

cc: Tom F. Neenan
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Mr Vernon Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
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AB-33 (Sub No. 153X)

Dear Secretary Williams:

It is necessary that we apply for another extension of time in which to negotiate the acquisition of the referenced railroad right-of-way in Monroe County, Iowa, for conversion to a trail under the terms of federal legislation, administered by your agency.

We are requesting another 180 day period in which to attempt to complete these negotiations. We have contacted Mr. Jim Harrel with the Union Pacific Railroad at the railroad's Omaha office and Mr. Mack H. Shumate, Senior General Attorney for the railroad in the railroad's Chicago office and believe that the latter will be notifying you that the railroad is in agreement to this extension of time.

Thanking you for this consideration, I remain

Sincerely,

Tom F. Neenan