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Mr. Vernon Williams, Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
1925 K Street N. W.  
Washington, D. C., 20423-0001

Dear Mr. Williams:

Reference is being made to AB-33 (Sub No. 143X). This is a proposed abandonment of service by the Union Pacific Railroad of their line, known as the Thornton Industrial Lead between Thornton and Belmond in Wright, Franklin and Cerro Gordo Counties in Iowa.

We have been given time in which to negotiate with the railroad for conversion of this right-of-way to a multiple use public trail. We have been unable to finalize these negotiations within the time allowed and request permission for another extension of 180 days in which to hopefully fulfill this goal.

We are sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Mack H. Shumate, Jr. Senior General Attorney for the railroad at Chicago's UP offices, 101 North Wacker Drive, Suite 1920, as well as a copy to Mr. John Herdzina at the Union Pacific office at 1800 Farnam St. in Omaha, NE., 68102. We trust that Mr. Shumate will notify you of the railroad's agreement to extend the time period in which we can continue our negotiations.

We are providing ten copies of this letter, being mailed to your office, following the faxing of this letter to your office this day.

We thank you for your kind consideration and cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Tom F. Neenan