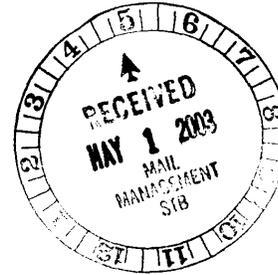


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Attention: Frankie McNair

**Re: Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 158X) - Union Pacific Railroad Company
- Abandonment Exemption -- In McPherson, Ellsworth and Rice
Counties, KS**

Dear Mr. Williams:

The Union Pacific Railroad Company has received a request from the City of Lindsborg 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 the McPherson Subdivision between milepost 531.40 to milepost 530.60 for a distance of .80 miles and the Hosington Subdivision between milepost 495.80 to milepost 497.4 for a distance of 1.6 miles, for an interim recreational trail. The Union Pacific is willing to continue to negotiate with the City of Lindsborg concerning the acquisition of the subject property for interim recreational trail and supports the City of Lindsborg's request for an extension of the negotiation period for 180 days commencing March 1, 2003. A copy of the City of Lindsborg's request is attached hereto as Exhibit A and hereby made a part hereof.

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

Very truly yours,

MHS/taf
Enclosure

cc: Stan Misfeldt
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