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The Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
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Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

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RE: **Docket No. AB-838, East St. Louis Junction Railroad Company-- Adverse Abandonment - In St. Clair County, IL**

Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 199), Union Pacific Railroad Company-- Adverse Discontinuance - In St. Clair County, IL

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Dear Mr. Williams:

Union Pacific Railroad Company ("UP") respectfully requests a 30 day extension (from October 6 to November 5, 2003) of the due date for filing protests and written comments in the above proceeding. In support of this request, UP states that negotiations are currently underway with applicant Illinois Department of Transportation ("IDOT") and other railroads involved in the Illinois Route 3 project, and that the additional time is needed to facilitate these negotiations. If the negotiations prove successful, UP would not oppose the application.

Counsel for IDOT has authorized UP to state that IDOT has no objection to the requested extension.

An additional ten (10) copies of this letter are attached for the Board's files.

Very truly yours,

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Dated at Omaha, Nebraska this 26th day of September, 2003.


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