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The Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
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RE: **Docket No. AB-838, East St. Louis Junction Railroad Company -
Adverse Abandonment - In St. Clair County, IL - 209644**
**Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 199) Union Pacific Railroad Company -
Adverse Discontinuance - In St. Clair County, IL - 209645**

Dear Mr. Williams:

By decision served November 5, 2003, the Board granted a 60-day extension (from November 5 to January 4, 2004) of the due date for filing protests and written comments in the above proceedings to facilitate negotiations by UP, applicant Illinois Department of Transportation ("IDOT") and other railroads involved in the Illinois Route 3 project.

Union Pacific Railroad Company ("UP") respectfully requests an additional 60-day extension (from January 4, 2004 to March 4, 2004) of the due date for filing protests and written comments in these proceedings. In support of this request, UP states that the above parties are engaged in ongoing negotiations, which will not be concluded before the current January 4, 2004 due date. We are requesting an additional 60-day extension because, given the multiple parties involved, the negotiations are likely to require the additional time. UP remains hopeful that the negotiations will prove successful, in which case UP would not oppose IDOT's 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,

Mack H. Shumate, Jr.
Senior General Attorney, Law Department

cc: Fritz R. Kahn, Esq.

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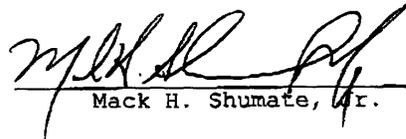
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