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RE: STB 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)

Comments: Extension Request of Iowa Trails Council

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**VIA UPS OVER-NIGHT DELIVERY**

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 60-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 315.0 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 use and supports the Iowa Trails Council's request for an extension of the negotiation period for 60 days commencing February 16, 2004. 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mack H. Shumate, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Enclosures

cc: Tom F. Neehan, Iowa Trails Council
Ray Allamong
Jim Harrel
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January 28, 2004

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

Re. AB 33 (Sub No. 153X)

Dear Secretary Williams:

This is a request for additional time in which to complete negotiations for the acquisition of this soon to be abandoned railroad right-of-way in Monroe County, Iowa. We believe that we need an additional 60 days in which to finalize these negotiations.

We are forwarding a copy of this letter to the Omaha and Chicago offices of the Union Pacific Railroad Co., with the intention of gaining the Railroad's cooperation in the extension of this allotted time.

We are also sending this letter to you by FAX and forwarding ten copies via regular mail.

Sincerely,

Tom F. Neenan



Affiliates: American Discovery Trail Society-American Hiking Society-Rails/Trails Conservancy-American Trails