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Vernon A. Williams  
Surface Transportation Board  
1925 "K" Street, N.W., Room 504  
Washington, DC 20423-0001

**RE: Proposed Abandonment of the Sheffield Industrial Lead M.P. 179.80 near Chapin, Iowa to M.P. 173.90 near Sheffield, Iowa, a distance of 5.9 miles in Franklin County, Iowa; STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 202X)**

Dear Mr. Williams:

Please refer to the filing made in this matter (AB-33(Sub-No.202X) by Union Pacific Railroad Company ("Union Pacific") dated March 5, 2004. The Iowa Trails Council correctly referenced AB-33(Sub-No. 202X) for a trail use extension but in the body of the letter incorrectly referred to the Coulter to Hampton abandonment (AB-33(Sub-No. 201X)) instead. Union Pacific agreed to an extension for 180 days for a portion of the Sheffield Industrial Lead by letter dated March 5, 2004 and filed with the Board on March 8, 2004.

Union Pacific Railroad Company ("Union Pacific") confirms its original filing with the explanatory letter from the Iowa Trails Council dated March 10, 2004 for a 180 day extension in which to complete negotiations for the acquisition under the provisions 16 U.S.C. § 1247(d) and 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29 regarding that portion of the Union Pacific's right-of-way known as the Sheffield Industrial Lead from Milepost 179.80 near Chapin, Iowa to Milepost 173.90 near Sheffield Iowa, a distance of 5.9 miles in Franklin County, Iowa. **That portion of the Line from Milepost 178.0 to Milepost 179.80 near Chapin, Iowa is being reclassified to industrial trackage for the benefit of the grain elevator at that location. Therefore, the Union Pacific is only willing to continue to negotiate with the Iowa Trails Council concerning the acquisition of the property for trail use from Milepost 173.90 near Sheffield, Iowa to Milepost 178.0 near Chapin, Iowa and supports the Council's request to negotiate for a period of 180 days with regard to that portion of the Line only.** A copy of the Iowa Trails Council's request is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and hereby made a part hereof.

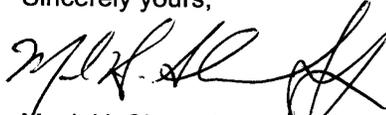
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Ten (10) additional copies of this letter with exhibits are enclosed for the Board's use and distribution.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mack H. Shumate, Jr.', written in a cursive style.

Mack H. Shumate, Jr.  
Senior General Attorney

Enclosures

cc: Brian O'Boyle <STB - Fax 202/565-9004>  
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Ref. AB 33 (Sub No, 201X)

Dear Mr. Williams:

The Council is requesting an additional 180 days in which to complete its negotiations for the acquisition of the soon to be abandoned Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way located between Coulter and Hampton in Franklin County, Iowa.

We mistakenly described this right-of-way in our letter to the Surface Transportation Board dated March 3 (copy attached), when we meant to be requesting more time to negotiate for the line between Chapin and Sheffield, in Franklin County, Iowa.

The Union Pacific Railroad correctly extended the ITC its agreement for more time in which to negotiate for the Chapin to Sheffield line, identifying our application by the reference we made to AB 33 (Sub No. 202X).

We are, in fact, requesting additional time in which to complete negotiations for BOTH AB 33 ( Sub No. 201X) and AB 33 (Sub No, 202X). We apologize for any confusion we may have caused. In particular, by this letter, we are requesting more time in which to complete negotiations for the right-of-way identified by AB 33 (Sub No. 201X). The railroad has agreed to more time for AB 33 ( Sub No, 202X) by their letter dated March 5, 2004.

We are forwarding copies of this letter to both the Chicago and Omaha offices of the Union Pacific Railroad and are sending ten copies of this letter under separate cover to the Surface Transportation Board, to your attention.

Thanking you for your kind attention to our request, we remain

Sincerely,

Tom F. Neenan

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