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Mr. Vernon Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 "K" Street, N.W., Room 504
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

**RE: Docket AB-33 (Sub-No. 189X), Union Pacific Railroad Company
- Abandonment and Discontinuance Exemption - In Eau Claire
County, WI (Eau Claire Industrial Lead in Eau Claire, WI)**

Dear Mr. Williams:

This is to advise that in accordance with and pursuant to the decision of the Board decided on August 29, 2002 and served on August 30, 2002 in the above-referenced docket, the Union Pacific Railroad Company hereby serves notice that it has consummated the abandonment of that portion of the Union Pacific's right-of-way known as the Eau Claire Industrial Lead from Milepost 0.00 near Barstow Street to Milepost 1.65 south of Truax Boulevard, a distance of 1.65 miles in Eau Claire County, Wisconsin. The Union Pacific will take no steps to alter the historic integrity of the railroad bridge over the Chippewa River until completion of the Section 106 process of the National Historic Preservation Act. Union Pacific has complied with the terms and conditions for implementing interim trail use /rail banking for the Line as ordered by the Board. No agreement for interim trail use was reached and the latest NITU negotiating period which expired on February 21, 2004 was not extended. Formal notice to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation in accordance with *W.S.A. 85.09* to give the State the opportunity to purchase the Line was made on March 18, 2004.

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

Sincerely,

Enclosures

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