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**Via UPS Over-Night Delivery**

Mr. Vernon Williams, Secretary  
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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)**

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Very truly yours,

Enclosures

cc: Tom F. Neenan,  
Iowa Trails Council

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