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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 an Eastern Portion of the Bristow Subdivision from M.P. 318.36 near Hampton to M.P. 294.75 near Coulter, a distance of 23.61 miles in Franklin and Butler Counties, Iowa; STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 200X)

Dear Mr. Williams:

Union Pacific Railroad Company ("Union Pacific") has received a request from the Iowa Trails Council dated September 13, 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 Eastern Portion of the Bristow Subdivision from Milepost 318.36 near Hampton, Iowa to Milepost 294.75 near Coulter Iowa, a distance of 23.61 miles in Franklin and Butler Counties, Iowa. The Union Pacific is willing to continue negotiating with the Iowa Trails Council concerning the acquisition of the subject property for trail use and supports the Council's request for a 180 day extension in which to negotiate. A copy of the Iowa Trails Council's request is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and hereby made a part hereof.

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

Sincerely yours,

Enclosures

cc: Iowa Trails Council



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Via FAX

Mr. Vernon Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K St NW
Washington, D. C., 20423-0001

Re AB 33 (Sub No.. 200X)

Dear Secretary Williams:

We are requesting your granting of additional time in which to complete negotiations for the acquisition of the railroad right-of-way between Hampton and Bristow in Iowa counties Franklin and Butler for conversion to a trail. We are requesting that we be given the usual 180 day period in which to complete these negotiations.

We are forwarding a copy of this request to the Union Pacific offices in Omaha and in Chicago. We anticipate that they will agree to this additional time.

Thank you for your kind consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Tom F. Neenan



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

