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Vernon A. Williams
Surface Transportation Board
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Washington, DC 20423-0001

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RE: Proposed Abandonment of an Western Portion of the Bristow Subdivision from M.P. 318.36 near Hampton to M.P. 326.50 near Coulter, a distance of 7.84 miles in Franklin County, Iowa; STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 201X)

Dear Mr. Williams:

Union Pacific Railroad Company ("Union Pacific") has received the attached 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 Western Portion of the Bristow Subdivision from Milepost 318.36 near Hampton, Iowa to Milepost 326.50 near Coulter Iowa, a distance of 7.84 miles in Franklin County, 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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Mr. Vernon Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
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Re AB 33 (Sub No.. 201X)

Dear Secretary Williams:

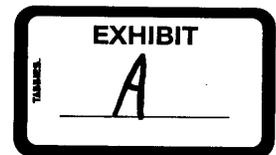
We find that we need more time in which to finalize negotiations for the acquisition of the railroad right-of-way between Coulter and Hampton in Franklin County, Iowa. We were of the opinion that these negotiations were being concluded but find that we do require additional time.

The Union Pacific Railroad has not abandoned this corridor and I believe agrees that these negotiations can be completed well within another 180 period. We are forwarding a copy of this request to the Union Pacific offices in Omaha and in Chicago.

Thank you for your kind consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Tom F. Neenan



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