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March 17, 2005

VIA UPS NEXT DAY AIR

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

RE: Extension of Trail Use Request Relating to that Portion of the Proposed Abandonment of the Sheffield Industrial Lead from M.P. 178.0 near Chapin, Iowa to M.P. 173.90 near Sheffield, Iowa, a distance of 4.10 miles in Franklin County, Iowa; STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 202X)

Dear Mr. Williams:

Union Pacific Railroad Company ("Union Pacific") has received the attached request from the Iowa Trails Council dated March 16, 2005 for an additional 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 173.90 near Sheffield, Iowa to Milepost 178.0 near Chapin, Iowa. The Union Pacific is only willing to continue to negotiate with the Iowa Trails Council and the Iowa Department of Transportation 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 for an additional 180 days in which to negotiate 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.

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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March 16, 2005

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

Re. AB 33 (Sub No. 202X)

Dear Secretary Williams:

This is a request that we be given another 180 days in which to complete negotiations for the acquisition of the soon to be abandoned Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way from near Sheffield to near Chapin and Franklin County, Iowa. We are hoping that the Union Pacific will be agreeable to our offer within that 180 day period of time.

We are sending the original request via FAX and forwarding ten copies of this request via regular United States mail. Your consideration in this matter will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Tom F. Neenan

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

