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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:

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 between Hampton and Bristow in Iowa counties Butler and Franklin. 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-American Trails