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RE: Proposed Abandonment of an Western Portion of the Bristow Subdivision from M.P. 318.66 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 August 31, 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 Western Portion of the Bristow Subdivision from Milepost 318.66 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 an additional 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.

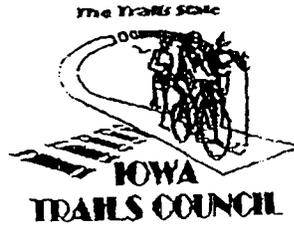
Ten (10) additional copies of this letter with exhibits are enclosed for the Board's use and distribution.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosures

cc: Iowa Trails Council

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August 31, 2005

Mr. Vernon Williams, Secretary
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Re. AB 33 (Sub No. 201X)

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Dear Mr. Secretary:

Our negotiations with the Union Pacific Railroad for the acquisition of the railroad right-of-way are on a continuing basis but more time is required in order to consummate an agreement.

Would you please extend the time in which to finalize these negotiations for an additional six months, to March 1, 2006? We thank you for this consideration.

The first copy of this request is being transmitted via FAX. Ten copies via regular mail are also being submitted.

A copy of this request is being provided to the Union Pacific Railroad offices in Chicago and Omaha. We anticipate the Railroad's acquiescence in this extension of time.

Sincerely,

Tom F. Neenan