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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 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 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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August 31, 2005

Mr. Vernon Williams, Secretary
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Re. AB 33 (Sub No. 202X)

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Dear Mr. Secretary:

Our negotiations with the Union Pacific Railroad for the acquisition of the 5.9 mile railroad right-of-way known as the Sheffield Industrial Lead in Franklin County, Iowa, 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 15, 2006? We thank your 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

