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October 3, 2005

**Via UPS Over-Night Delivery**

Mr. Vernon Williams, Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
1925 "K" Street, N.W.  
Washington, D. C. 20423-0001

**Re: Docket No. Ab-33(Sub-No. 153X) - Union Pacific Railroad Company -  
- Abandonment Exemption - in Monroe County, IA (Oskaloosa  
Subdivision between Eddyville, IA and Maxon, IA)**

Dear Mr. Williams:

The Union Pacific Railroad Company ("Union Pacific") has received a fourth request from the Iowa Trails Council for an 180-day extension in which to complete negotiations for the acquisition of that portion of the Union Pacific's right-of-way in Monroe County, Iowa between Milepost 315.0 and 322.9 for an interim recreational trail. The Union Pacific is willing to continue to negotiate with the Iowa Trails Council concerning the acquisition of the subject property for interim recreational trail use and supports the Iowa Trails Council's request for an extension of the negotiation period for 180-days commencing October 8, 2005. A copy of the Iowa Trails Council's request dated October 1, 2005 is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and hereby made a part hereof.

An additional ten (10) copies of this letter and exhibit are enclosed for the Board's use and distribution.

Very truly yours,

Enclosures

cc: Tom F. Neenan,  
Iowa Trails Council

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Dear Secretary Williams:

In order to complete negotiations to acquire the Union Pacific Railroad corridor in Monroe County between milepost 315.1 and milepost 322.9, commonly referred to as the southern segment of the Oskaloosa Subdivision, we require what is hopefully the last extension of a negotiation period in order to complete the acquisition for the purpose of conversion to a trail.

The Union Pacific Railroad has not consummated abandonment of the line. An appraisal of this corridor's value should be finalized within 30 days, which will hopefully bring us to a final agreement as to our offer to purchase.

We do require an extension of time in which to finalize these negotiations and ask the Surface Transportation Board to grant an additional 180 days for this purpose.

We are furnishing ten copies of this letter to the Surface Transportation Board and are supplying a copy of this letter to the offices of the Union Pacific Railroad in Omaha and Chicago. We understand the railroad agrees to this time extension.

Sincerely,

Tom F. Neenan

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

