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**VIA UPS NEXT DAY AIR**

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Surface Transportation Board  
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**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 April 3, 2006 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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April 3, 2006

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Dear Mr. Williams

With regard to STB Docket AB 33 (Sub No. 202 X) we wish to request an extension of time in which to continue negotiations to acquire the railroad right-of-way between milepost 178.0 near Chapin and milepost 173.90 near Sheffield, in Franklin County, Iowa

The Union Pacific Railroad has not abandoned this right-of-way and has been negotiating sale to us for the purpose of establishing a trail within the corridor.

We are requesting the assignment of another 180 days in which to hopefully conclude these negotiations.

We are sending a copy of this request to the Union Pacific offices in Omaha and Chicago, asking for a confirmation of their willingness to continue these negotiations and are supplying ten copies of this letter to your office.

We thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Tom F. Neenan

