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Mr. Vernon Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
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**RE: Docket AB-33 (Sub-No. 143X), Union Pacific Railroad Company
- Abandonment Exemption - In Wright, Franklin and Cerro
Gordo Counties, IA (Thornton Industrial Lead Between Thornton,
IA and Belmond, IA--Formerly Known as the Fort Dodge Branch)**

Dear Mr. Williams:

The Union Pacific Railroad Company has received another request from the Iowa Trails Council for an additional 180 day extension in which to complete negotiations for the acquisition of that portion of the Union Pacific's right-of-way between Thornton and Belmond in Franklin, Wright and Cerro Gordo Counties from M.P. 17.14 near Thornton to M.P. 29.52 near Belmond, for trail use. The Union Pacific is willing to continue to negotiate with the Iowa Trails Council concerning the acquisition of the subject property for trail use for the requested 180 days. 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 and exhibit are enclosed for the Board's use and distribution.

Very truly yours,

Mack H. Shumate, Jr.

Enclosures

cc: Iowa Trails Council

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May 3, 2006

Mr. Vernon A. Williams
 Surface Transportation Board
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Ref. AB 33 (Sub No. 143 X)

Dear Mr. Williams:

We are requesting another 180 days in which to finish negotiations for acquisition of the 12.38 mile railroad right-of-way, known as the Thornton Industrial Lead, located between milepost 17.14 near Thornton and milepost 29.52 near Belmond in Wright, Franklin and Cerro Gordo counties, within the State of Iowa.

Our present negotiation time will expire on May 9. We are hopeful that negotiations can be completed well within an additional 180 day period.

We are furnishing ten copies of this request letter and sending a copy of this letter to the offices of the Union Pacific Railroad in Chicago and Omaha, this day.

Thanking you for your consideration in this matter, I remain

Sincerely,

Tom F. Neenan

