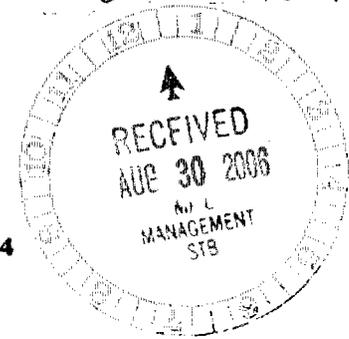




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Dear Secretary Williams

This is with reference to AB-33 (Sub No. 201 X). We are requesting an extension of time in which to complete negotiations for the acquisition of this former railroad right-of-way between Hampton and Coulter in Franklin County, Iowa. The time previously allotted to us will expire on August 27 of this year.

The Union Pacific Railroad has agreed to convey title to this property to us but the required work to accomplish this has not as yet been finalized. We are therefore requesting extension of time in which to conclude these negotiations, this being the usual time period of 180 days.

Ten copies of this letter are being provided to your office and a copy of this letter is being forwarded to the offices of the Union Pacific Railroad, seeking their concurrence with this extension of time.

We thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Tom F. Neenan