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October 18, 2007

**VIA E-Filing**

Mr. Vernon Williams, Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
Section of Environmental Analysis  
395 East, S.W., Room 1149  
Washington, DC 20024

**RE: Docket No. AB-33(Sub-No.175X), Union Pacific Railroad Company -  
Abandonment Exemption - - In Hamilton County, Iowa (Ellsworth Industrial  
Lead)**

Dear Mr. Williams:

Union Pacific Railroad Company ("Union Pacific") has received the attached request from the Iowa Trails Council dated October 17, 2007, for an additional 180-day extension in which to complete negotiations for the requisition under the provisions of 16 U.S.C. § 1247(d) and 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29 regarding that portion of the Union Pacific right-of-way known as the Ellsworth Industrial Lead from M. P. 0.0 near Jewell to the end of the track at M. P. 3.2 at Ellsworth, a distance of 3.2 miles in Hamilton County, Iowa (the "Line").

At this time, Union Pacific is willing to continue negotiating with the Iowa Trails Council concerning the acquisition of the subject property for trail use and supports the Council's request a 180-day extension of the negotiation period. A copy of the Iowa Trails Council's request dated October 17, 2007 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mack H. Shumate, Jr.", written over a large, stylized flourish.

Mack H. Shumate, Jr.

Enclosures

cc: Tom F. Neenan  
Iowa Trails Council

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Ref. AB 33 (Sub No. 175X)

Dear Mr. Williams:

Since we have been unable to complete negotiations to acquire the 3.2 mile Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way in Hamilton County, Iowa, between Jewell and Ellsworth We are requesting additional time in which to continue these negotiations. We would appreciate your granting another 180 days for this purpose.

Ten copies of this request are being furnished to the Board and a copy of this letter is being forwarded to the Union Pacific offices in Omaha and Chicago. We expect the railroad to concur in this request.

Sincerely,

Tom F. Neenan