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VIA E-Filing

Vernon A. Williams
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S. W., Room 1149
Washington, DC 20024

RE: Proposed Abandonment of an Western Portion of the Bristow Subdivision from M.P. 318.66 near Hampton to M.P. 326.50 near Coulter, a distance of 7.84 miles in Franklin County, Iowa; STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 201X)

(60 DAY EXTENSION)

Dear Mr. Williams:

Union Pacific Railroad Company ("Union Pacific") has received the attached request from the Iowa Trails Council dated October 15, 2007, for an additional 60-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 Western Portion of the Bristow Subdivision from Milepost 318.66 near Hampton, Iowa to Milepost 326.50 near Coulter Iowa, a distance of 7.84 miles in Franklin County, Iowa. At this time the Union Pacific is willing to continue negotiating with the Iowa Trails Council concerning the acquisition of the subject property for trail use but only for an additional 60-day extension period. 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,

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: Iowa Trails Council

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October 15, 2007

Mr. Vernon Williams Ref. AB 33 (Sub No. 201 X)
Surface Transportation Board
395 E St. SW
Washington, D. C., 20423-0001

Dear Mr. Williams:

It has become necessary to request additional time in which to complete negotiations to acquire the above referenced right-of-way between Hampton and in Franklin County, Iowa, for conversion to a trail. We are requesting a minimum of another 60 days in which to complete these negotiations

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