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December 17, 2007

**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)**

**(120 DAY EXTENSION)**

Dear Mr. Williams:

Union Pacific Railroad Company ("Union Pacific") has received the attached request from the Iowa Trails Council dated December 17, 2007, for additional time 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 120-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 cursive that reads "Mack H. Shumate, Jr." with a circular flourish at the end.  
Mack H. Shumate, Jr.

Enclosures

cc: Iowa Trails Council

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Dear Mr Williams:

Reference herein is made to AB-33 ( Sub No 201X), the proposed abandonment by the Union Pacific Railroad of their right-of-way between Hampton and Coultter in Franklin County, Iowa (M P. 318.66 near Hampton to M P. 326.60 near Coultter)

We have not been able to complete negotiations for the acquisition of this right-of-way for conversion to a trail. We are therefore asking for more time in which to complete these negotiations.

We believe the Union Pacific Railroad is willing to agree to a time extension.

Ten copies of the request are being supplied for distribution. A copy is also being provided to the Union Pacific offices in Omaha and Chicago.

Sincerely,

Tom F. Neenan

