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Senior General Attorney, Law Department

December 21, 2007

VIA E-Filing

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

RE: Proposed Abandonment of the El Dorado Subdivision from Milepost 457.0 near Gilcrest to Milepost 460.6 near El Dorado Junction, a distance of 3.6 miles in Ouachita County, Arkansas; STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 222X)

Dear Mr. Williams:

Union Pacific Railroad Company ("Union Pacific") has received a written request dated December 20, 2007 from Michael W. Frey, Esq. representing the City of Camden, Arkansas seeking an 180-day extension of the negotiation period relating to the issuance of a Certificate or Notice of Interim Trail Use pursuant to 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 El Dorado Subdivision from M. P. 457.0 near Gilcrest to M. P. 460.6 near El Dorado Junction, a distance of 3.62 miles in Ouachita County, Arkansas (the "Line").

Union Pacific is willing to continue to negotiate with the City of Camden concerning the acquisition of the subject property for trail use and supports the City's request to extend the negotiation period of 180 days commencing as of December 22, 2007. A copy of the City'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,

Mack H. Shumate 

Enclosure

cc: City of Camden

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20 December 2007

Via Fax, First Class Mail to Follow

Mr. Mack H. Shumate, Jr.
Union Pacific Railroad Company
101 North Wacker Drive, Room 1920
Chicago, Illinois 60606

**RE: *Docket Number AB-33 (Sub-No. 222X)
Union Pacific Railroad Company
Abandonment Exemption in Ouachita County, Arkansas***

Dear Mr. Shumate:

I represent the City of Camden in Ouachita County, Arkansas. Union Pacific filed a Notice of Exemption under 49 CFR 1152 on May 31, 2006. The STB entered a notice of interim trail use or abandonment (NITU) on July 13, 2007 extending the negotiation period for 180 days.

The negotiation period is scheduled to expire on December 22, 2007. The City of Camden is asking for an extension of the negotiation period. I am enclosing our request made to the STB.

Please advise if Union Pacific is agreeable to an extension. Thank you for your continuing courtesies.

Very truly yours,


Michael W. Frey
Camden City Attorney

Encl: Request to STB
Letter to Kristian Ehrhorn

CC: Kristian Ehrhorn, UP Real Estate, *Via fax, first class mail to follow*



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Via Overnight Delivery

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Section of Environmental Analysis
1925 "K" Street, N.W., Room 504
Washington, DC 20423-0001

**RE: Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 222X)
Proposed Abandonment of the El Dorado Subdivision, Ouachita County, AR
Request for Extension of Interim Trail Use Negotiating Period**

Dear Secretary Williams:

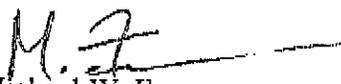
I am the City Attorney for Camden Arkansas. This request is filed on behalf of the City of Camden, Arkansas, which is a political subdivision.

On June 27, 2006, the STB issued a Certificate of Notice of Interim Trail Use pursuant to 49 C.F.R. §1152.29. On July 13, 2007, the STB extended the negotiation period for 180 days. The 180-day negotiation period is scheduled to expire on December 22, 2007. **The City of Camden is requesting that the negotiation period be extended for another 180 days.**

By my signature below, I certify service upon Union Pacific Railroad Company, c/o Mack H. Shumate, Jr., Senior General Attorney, 101 North Wacker Drive, Room 1920, Chicago, Illinois 60606, by facsimile and by First Class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, on this 20th day of December 2007. I have enclosed ten (10) additional copies of this letter for the Board's use and distribution.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I will await further directives from the Board.

Respectfully submitted,


Michael W. Frey
Camden City Attorney

Enclosure: Ten copies of letter

cc: Mr. Mack H. Shumate, Jr., Union Pacific Railroad, *Via fax and First Class Mail*

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Omaha, Nebraska 68179-1690

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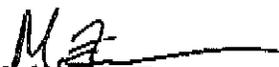
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I was last dealing Ray Alamong regarding the necessary length of the requested abandonment. Specifically, there was a question of the bridge at Grinstead Street and whether it would be removed or remain intact. I believe he was checking with the engineering department on their requirements. He is out of the office this week for the holidays.

I have filed the enclosed request to extend the NITU negotiating period with the Surface Transportation Board. I am sending the request to Mack Shumate. I would appreciate any assistance you may provide in facilitating our extension request.

Thank you again for your continuing courtesies.

Very truly yours,


Michael W. Frey
Camden City Attorney

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