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**VIA E-Filing**

Mr. Vernon A. Williams  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 E Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20423-0001

**RE: Proposed Abandonment of an Eastern Portion of the Bristow Subdivision from M.P. 318.36 near Hampton to the end of the Line at M.P. 294.75 at Allison, a distance of 23.61 miles in Franklin and Butler Counties, Iowa; STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 200X)**

**120 Day EXTENSION**

Dear Mr. Williams:

Union Pacific Railroad Company ("Union Pacific") has received a request from the Iowa Trails Council dated December 31, 007, for an additional 180-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 Eastern Portion of the Bristow Subdivision from Milepost 318.36 near Hampton, Iowa to the end of the Line at Milepost 294.75 at Allison, Iowa, a distance of 23.61 miles in Franklin and Butler Counties, Iowa.

The Union Pacific is willing to continue negotiating with the Iowa Trails Council concerning the acquisition of the subject property for trail use for an additional 120 day extension in which to negotiate. 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 horizontal line.

Enclosures

cc: Iowa Trails Council



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Tom F. Neenan, Executive Director

December 31, 2007

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Dear Mr. Williams:

Reference is made to AB 33 (Sub No. 200X), an abandonment of a rail corridor by the Union Pacific Railroad between milepost 318.36 near Hampton and milepost 294.75 near Allison in Franklin and Butler Counties, Iowa, a distance of 23.61 miles.

We are in the process of negotiating acquisition of this right-of-way for conversion to a trail, representing the interest of the Franklin and Butler County Conservation Boards. It appears that we will require additional time beyond that already granted in which to complete these negotiations. We are asking that another 180 days be granted for this purpose.

We are furnishing ten copies of this letter for distribution by the Board and are forwarding copies of this letter to the Union Pacific Railroad office in Omaha and in Chicago.

Your kind consideration in this matter will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Tom F. Neenan

