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Ms. Anne K. Quinlan
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Surface Transportation Board
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Washington, DC 20423-0001

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Re: Illinois Central Railroad Company--Abandonment Exemption--in
Cook County, IL, STB Docket No. AB-43 (Sub-No. 184X)

Dear Ms. Quinlan:

The City of Chicago, an Illinois municipal corporation, acting by and through its Department of Transportation ("City") hereby petitions the Surface Transportation Board for an order extending its Decision and Notice of Interim Trail Use or Abandonment in the above-referenced matter ("Abandonment Decision") for an additional 180 days.

Illinois Central Railroad Company ("IC") filed a petition for exemption in the above-referenced matter on August 29, 2008. On October 15, 2008, the City filed a petition for a Public Use Condition as well as a Certificate or Notice of Interim Trail Use ("Petition"), rather than an outright abandonment authorization, for the industrial spur. The City based its description of the rail line on IC's original petition for exemption. However, by letter dated October 13, 2008, IC modified its original description as follows: beginning at the point of clearance at Station 26+58 (Halsted Street) and extending northeasterly approximately 3,205 feet to the end of track at Station 58+63 (Cermak Road).

On December 16, 2008, the Board issued its Abandonment Decision, providing for a 180-day period for negotiations between the City and IC. By decision served on December 23, 2008, the Board postponed the effective date of the Abandonment Decision to allow Chicago Port Railroad Company ("CPC") to file an offer of financial assistance ("OFA"). CPC later decided not to file an OFA and the Board, by decision served on January 30, 2009, extended the public use condition until August 1, 2009.



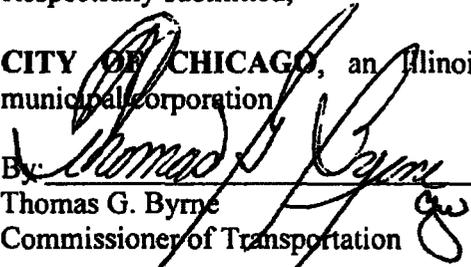
The City has been working to secure funds for the trail project, and needs additional time to complete project financing, the trail engineering plan and negotiations with IC. In support of its request for additional time, the City renews its Petition and its Statement of Willingness to Assume Financial Responsibility.

A copy of this statement is being served on IC on the same date it is being served on the Board. By my signature below, I certify service upon Illinois Central Railroad Company, Attn: Thomas J. Healey, 17641 South Ashland Avenue, Homewood, Illinois 60430-1339, by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, first class, this 12th day of June, 2009.

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1002.2(e)(1), the filing fee for this request is waived.

Respectfully submitted,

CITY OF CHICAGO, an Illinois
municipal corporation

By 
Thomas G. Byrne
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