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Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W., Suite 1149
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Re Docket No. AB-384 (Sub-No 1X), *Delta Southern Railroad, Inc -- Abandonment Exemption -- Portion of the Lake Providence Line*

Dear Mr. Williams

Delta Southern Railroad, Inc (DSR) hereby seeks an extension of six months of the deadline for consummation of abandonment as to an 8.2-mile segment of rail line between Milepost 454.8 at the Arkansas-Louisiana State Line and Milepost 463.0 at or near Shelburn, Louisiana. That segment is part of a 30-mile rail line between Milepost 433.0 at or near Lake Village, AR and Milepost 463.0 at or near Shelburn, LA for which abandonment was authorized in a Board decision served April 7, 2005. The portion of that rail line between Lake Village and the State Line has been sold for continued rail operation. The deadline for providing notice of consummation of the 8.2-mile State Line-Shelburn segment was most recently extended by Board decision served October 3, 2008 until April 5, 2009. The six-month extension of that deadline would make the new deadline October 5, 2009. The extension is requested because DSR continues to attempt to sell that 8.2-mile segment for continued rail operation.

Very truly yours,

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