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The Honorable Anne Quinlan
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20024

**RE: STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 262X) - - Union Pacific Railroad
Company ~ Abandonment and Discontinuance of the Elm Industrial
Lead in Fulton and Peoria Counties, IL**

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

On July 21st, 2008, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources filed a request for Public Use Condition and a request for Interim Trail Use Condition (NITU) for approximately 24.7 miles of railroad between milepost 461.5 near Middle Grove and milepost 486.2 at Molitor Junction, in Fulton and Peoria Counties. By order dated November 13, 2008, the Board granted the request to implement interim trail use and to permit public use negotiations as specifically set forth in the order, for a period of 180 days commencing from November 13, 2008, and ending on May 12, 2009.

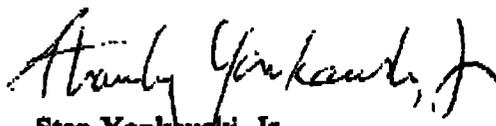
The Department has been in direct contact with Union Pacific and received information upon our request; we do not believe that the parties will be able to finalize negotiations by the end date of the order. Therefore, the Department respectfully requests the Board to grant a 180 day extension until November 13, 2009, or such time so indicated by the Board.

Enclosed please find the original and ten (10) copies of this letter. Also, it is my understanding that the filing fee of \$450.00 is waived for State Agencies requesting extension of NITU negotiations as to STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 262X) Union Pacific Railroad Company. Please time and date stamp a copy of this letter and return it with the self-addressed stamped envelope.

We are also sending a copy to Union Pacific Railroad Company, by US Mail, postage prepaid, first class, on this 14th day of April, 2009.

Thank you for your consideration of this request, and please contact me should you have and questions or concerns.

Very Truly Yours,



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Illinois Department of
Natural Resources

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