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December 10, 2002

**VIA U. P. S. OVERNIGHT**

Mr. Vernon Williams, Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
1925 K Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

**RE: Docket AB-33 (Sub-No. 143X), Union Pacific Railroad Company  
- Abandonment Exemption - In Wright, Franklin and Cerro  
Gordo Counties, IA (Thornton Industrial Lead Between Thornton,  
IA and Belmond, IA--Formerly Known as the Fort Dodge Branch)**

Dear Mr. Williams:

The Union Pacific Railroad Company has received a fourth request from the Iowa Trails Council for an additional 180 day extension in which to complete negotiations for the acquisition of that portion of the Union Pacific's right-of-way between Thornton and Belmond in Franklin, Wright and Cerro Gordo Counties from M.P. 17.14 near Thornton to M.P. 29.52 near Belmond, for trail use. The Union Pacific is willing to continue to negotiate with the Iowa Trails Council concerning the acquisition of the subject property for trail use and supports the Iowa Trails Council's request for a fourth extension of the negotiation period for 180 days commencing January 10, 2003. 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 and exhibit are enclosed for the Board's use and distribution.

Very truly yours,  
  
Mack H. Shumate, Jr.  
Senior General Attorney

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December 9, 2002

Mr. Vernon Williams, Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
1925 K Street NW  
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Dear Secretary Williams:

Re AB 33 (Sub No. 143X)

The Iowa Trails Council is asking for another extension of time in which to complete negotiations to acquire the Union Pacific railroad right-of-way Between Thornton and Belmond in Wright, Franklin and Cerro counties in Iowa, for conversion to a trail.

We are enclosing ten copies of this letter for distribution and are forwarding a copy to Mr. Mack Shumate, Senior General Attorney for the Union Pacific at the Railroad's office at 101 N. Wacker Drive in Chicago, Il., 60606. It is our understanding that the railroad will agree to another 180 day period in which to continue our negotiations.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter, we remain

Sincerely,

Tom F. Neenan

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