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February 13, 2003

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

**Re: Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 153X) – Union Pacific Railroad Company –  
Abandonment Exemption – in Monroe County, IA (Oskaloosa  
Subdivision Between Eddyville, IA and Maxon, IA)**

Dear Mr. Williams:

The Union Pacific Railroad Company has received a request from the Iowa Trails Council for a 180-day extension in which to complete negotiations for the acquisition of that portion of the Union Pacific's right-of-way in Monroe County, Iowa between milepost 315.0 and 322.9 for an interim recreational trail. The Union Pacific is willing to continue to negotiate with the Iowa Trails Council concerning the acquisition of the subject property for interim recreational trail and supports the Iowa Trails Council's request for an extension of the negotiation period for 180 days commencing February 20, 2003. A copy of the Iowa Trails Council's request is attached hereto as Exhibit A and hereby made a part hereof.

An additional ten (10) 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

Enclosures

cc: Tom F. Neenan, Iowa Trails Council  
Ray Allamong  
Jim Harrel  
Lynda Prucha

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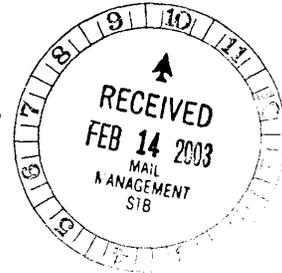
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 1925 "K" Street  
 Washington, D. C., 20423

Ref. AB 33 (Sub No153X)

Dear Mr. Williams:

We are in need of additional time in which to finalize negotiations for acquisition of the railroad right-of-way in Monroe County between near Albia and near Eddyville for conversion to a trail under terms of federal legislation.

We are requesting that we be granted an additional 180 days in which to finish these negotiations. We expect the Union Pacific Railroad to agree to this extension of time. We are forwarding copies of this letter to Mr. John Herdzina at the Union Pacific Real Estate office at 1800 Farnam St. in Omaha, NE and to the railroad's Senior General Attorney, Mr. Mack Shumate, in the Union Pacific offices at 101 N. Wacker Dr., Suite 1920, Chicago, IL., 60606.

Sincerely,

Tom F. Neenan

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