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By electronic mail

Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Case Control Unit, Suite 713
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: Docket No. AB-384 (Sub-No. 1X), *Delta Southern Railroad, Inc. -- Abandonment Exemption -- Portion of the Lake Providence Line*

Dear Mr. Williams:

In a decision in the above proceeding served February 7, 2005, the Board, at the request of Delta Southern Railroad, Inc. (DSR), owner of the involved rail line, extended the date for Offerors to accept or reject the terms and conditions established in the Board's decision served January 28, 2005, to and including March 7, 2005. That extension was granted in view of pending discussions between the parties that may lead to an agreement on the terms and conditions of the sale.

The discussions referred to in that decision are continuing. The parties believe that there is a good chance that those discussions will lead to an agreement on sale terms and conditions. However, additional time is needed to conclude those discussions. Accordingly, DSR respectfully requests that the date for Offerors to accept or reject the Board-established terms be further extended to Monday, March 28. I am authorized to state that all Offerors concur in this request.

Please advise.

Very truly yours

/s/

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