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Mr. Vernon Williams  
Surface Transportation Board  
1925 "K" Street, N.W., Room 504  
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Office of Administration  
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RE: Docket No. AB-33 (Sub. No. 206X), Union Pacific Railroad Company – Abandonment Exemption - In Polk and Story Counties, Iowa (Ankeny Subdivision) from Milepost 10.7 near Ankeny, Iowa to Milepost 341.1 near Slater, Iowa, a distance of 14.0 miles; Notice of Closing of Conveyance Pursuant to the National Trails System Act.

Dear Mr. Williams:

On July 16, 2003, Union Pacific Railroad Company ("UP") filed a Notice of Exemption to permit UP to abandon a 14.0 mile portion of railroad between Milepost 10.7 near Ankeny, Iowa to Milepost 341.1 near Slater, Iowa (Equation 23.20 = 339.6). On August 7, 2003, the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation and Story and Polk County Conservation Boards filed for the issuance of a notice of interim trail use ("NITU"). On September 3, 2003, the Board issued a NITU until March 2, 2004. The trail condition was extended numerous times to facilitate acquisition of the right-of-way by the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation. The trail condition was last extended to March 1, 2006, by Board's Decision served August 24, 2005.

The purpose of this letter is to notify the Board that on November 14, 2005, (1) UP has discontinued service, and (2) the Line between Milepost 10.7 to Milepost 341.1 that was subjected to the National Trails System Act was conveyed to the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation. The conveyance was pursuant to the National Trails System Act, 16 U.S.C. 1247(d). Ten (10) additional copies of this letter are enclosed for the board's use and distribution.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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