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Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 "K" Street, NW

Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

RE: Corridor Railbanking **215845**
Docket # AB-33 (Sub-No.206X) from Mile post 10.7 near Ankeny to
milepost 341.1 near Slater in Polk, Story and Boone Counties, Iowa and;
Docket # AB-33 (Sub-No. 187X) from Mile post **215846**
341.1 near Slater to
milepost 353.5 near Woodward in Boone and Dallas Counties, Iowa

BEFORE THE SURFACE AND TRANSPORTATION BOARD

The Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation, the Polk, Story, Boone and Dallas County Conservation Boards and the cities of Ankeny, Sheldahl, Slater, Madrid and Woodward have successfully completed the acquisition of the Union Pacific Railroad Corridors noted in the above referenced document numbers. The corridor will be preserved and used as a trail.

Sincerely,

Mark C. Ackelson
President

c:
Polk, Story, Boone, Dallas County Conservation Boards
Cities of Ankeny, Sheldahl, Slater, Madrid Woodward
Union Pacific Railroad
Rails to Trails Conservancy