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VIA UPS OVERNIGHT

Mr. Vernon A. Williams
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

RE: Proposed Abandonment of an Eastern Portion of the Bristow Subdivision from M.P. 318.36 near Hampton to the end of the Line at M.P. 294.75 at Allison, a distance of 23.61 miles in Franklin and Butler Counties, Iowa; STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 200X)

Dear Mr. Williams:

Union Pacific Railroad Company ("Union Pacific") has received a request from the Iowa Trails Council dated March 5, 2007, for an additional 180-day extension in which to complete negotiations for the acquisition under the provisions 16 U.S.C. §1247(d) and 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29 regarding that portion of the Union Pacific's right-of-way known as the Eastern Portion of the Bristow Subdivision from Milepost 318.36 near Hampton, Iowa to the end of the Line at Milepost 294.75 at Allison, Iowa, a distance of 23.61 miles in Franklin and Butler Counties, Iowa.

The Union Pacific is willing to continue negotiating with the Iowa Trails Council concerning the acquisition of the subject property for trail use and supports the Council's request for an additional 180-day extension in which to negotiate. 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 with exhibits are enclosed for the Board's use and distribution.

Sincerely yours,

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cc: Iowa Trails Council

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March 5, 2007

Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 "K" Street NW
Washington, D. C., 20423

Via FAX

Dear Secretary Williams:

Reference: AB 83 (Sub No. 200 X)

We are requesting an additional 180 days in which to continue our negotiation to acquire the Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way between Hampton and Allison in Franklin and Butler counties in Iowa, (from mile post 318.36 near Hampton to mile post 294.75 near Allison), for the purpose of converting the right-of-way to a recreation trail. The current time period will expire on March 15, 2007

We have not been able to finalize negotiations with the Railroad in the previous allotted time period. We are providing ten copies of this request for distribution and are mailing a copy of this request to the Union Pacific Railroad offices in Omaha and Chicago.

We thank you for your kind consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Tom F. Neenan