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**Re: Request for Extension - Interim Trail Use
Delaware & Hudson Railway Company, Inc. d/b/a Canadian Pacific Railway
Abandonment - Albany County, New York
STB Docket No. AB-156 (Sub-No. 23X)**

Dear Mr. Williams

With regard to the referenced matter, on July 8, 2003, the Surface Transportation Board granted an initial request by Albany County for interim trail use/railbanking and public use conditions. The Surface Transportation Board subsequently granted requests by Albany County to extend the trail use negotiation period until April 2, 2008, for the purpose of completing negotiations with Canadian Pacific Railway Company for acquisition of the rail corridor in question.

Since the most recent extension was granted, Albany County and Canadian Pacific Railway Company have continued active negotiations and have made substantial progress toward conveyance of the subject rail corridor. If we are to fulfill our commitment to bringing this initiative to fruition, it is necessary that the trail use negotiation period be extended for 180 days, during which time, it is anticipated that outstanding issues will be resolved and transfer of title completed. Albany County, therefore, respectfully requests that an additional 180 days be granted (through September 29, 2008) as an extension to complete the acquisition process between the County and Canadian Pacific Railway Company. We have been advised that Canadian Pacific is fully supportive of this extension.

Should you have any questions regarding this request or require additional information, please contact Kristina Burns, Albany County Attorney, at (518) 447-7110 or [Kristina Burns@albanycounty.com](mailto:Kristina.Burns@albanycounty.com)

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter

Sincerely,



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