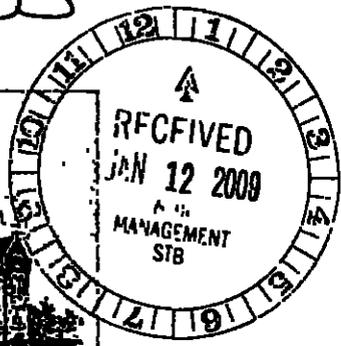


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January 2, 2009

Honorable Anne K. Quinlan
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 395 E Street, S.W.
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Re: STB Docket No. AB-850X
 St. Croix Valley Railroad Company
 Abandonment And Discontinuance Of Service Exemption
 Motion For 180 Day Extension Of Nitu Negotiation Period

Kanabec County Regional Rail Authority ("Rail Authority"), 18 North Vine Street, Suite 181, Mora, MN, hereby requests a 180-day extension of the NITU issued by the Surface Transportation Board in its decision served July 11, 2008, in this proceeding. Rail Authority is authorized to state that St. Croix Valley Railroad Company consents to this request.

Because of extenuating circumstances beyond the parties' control, the parties were unable to consummate the RailBanking Agreement at an earlier date. Nevertheless, the parties are intent upon completing the transaction in the near future.

The Kanabec County Regional Rail Authority is a unit of Kanabec County government; this filing is not subject to a filing fee.

Sincerely,

Alan B. Peterson
 County Coordinator & Clerk to the Kanabec County Rail Authority

cc: St. Croix Valley Railroad Company