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November 10, 2009

Ms. Anne K. Quinlan
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 East Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423



Dear Ms. Quinlan:

**SUBJECT: Proposed Mid-Michigan Railroad, Inc. Abandonment Exemption in
Muskegon County, MI - STB Docket No. AB-364 (Sub-No. 16X)**

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) hereby respectfully requests a 180-day extension of the railbanking period provided by your Decision of May 19, 2009. The MDNR and the Mid-Michigan Railroad, Inc. are continuing negotiations towards an agreement, and expect to complete an agreement within 180 days.

Sincerely,

James Radabaugh, State Trails Coordinator
Forest, Mineral and Fire Management
517-373-1276

cc: Mr. Louis E. Gitomer
Law Offices of Louis E. Gitomer
Mr. Michael Gilligan, RailAmerica, Inc.
Mr. David Freed, MDNR
Mr. Roger Storm, MDNR

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