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The Honorable Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W., Room 100
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Re: Union Pacific Railroad Company - Abandonment - From Milepost 196.7 near Essex, to Milepost 216.27 near Miner, a distance of 19.57 miles in New Madrid, Scott, and Stoddard Counties, Missouri (Essex to Miner Line); STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 261)

Dear Ms. Brown:

Union Pacific Railroad Company ("Union Pacific") has received a request from the City of Sikeston, (the "City"), seeking to extend the negotiation period covering the issuance of a Certificate or Notice of Interim Trail Use pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 1247(d) and 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29 for the portion of the Union Pacific's Essex to Miner Line from Milepost 196.7 near Essex, to Milepost 216.27 near Miner, a distance of 19.57 miles in New Madrid, Scott, and Stoddard Counties, Missouri.

The Union Pacific is willing to extend the negotiation period with the City concerning the acquisition of the subject property for trail use and supports the City's request to extend the negotiation period for an additional 180 days to June 12, 2010. A copy of the City's request for extension is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and hereby made a part hereof.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mack H. Shumate, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

Attachment

cc: City of Sikeston

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Re: STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 261), Union Pacific R.R. –
Abandonment – In New Madrid, Scott, and Stoddard Counties, MO

Dear Ms. Brown:

By decision in the above-referenced proceeding served June 17, 2009, the Board issued a Certificate of Interim Trail Use and provided for a 180-day time period in order to permit Union Pacific Railroad Company ("UP") and the City of Sikeston, Missouri ("Sikeston") to engage in negotiations regarding an interim trail use agreement. That negotiating period will expire on December 14, 2009.

Sikeston and UP have been engaged in negotiations regarding a trail use agreement, but do date, those negotiations have not led to the completion of a final agreement. The purpose of the instant letter therefore is to request that that Board grant an extension to this negotiating period by an addition 180 days in order to permit the Sikeston and UP to continue their ongoing negotiations.

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The undersigned has conferred with counsel for UP regarding this request for an extension, and has been authorized to state that UP joins in it.

Sincerely,

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An Attorney for the City of Sikeston, MO

cc: Mack H. Shumate, Jr., Esq.
Counsel for Union Pacific Railroad Company
Other Parties of Record