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VIA E-FILING

The Honorable Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
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Re: Notice of Exemption from M. P. 550.5 west of Osborne to the end of the Line at M. P. 580.63 in Osborne and Rooks Counties, Kansas; Solomon Branch Line; STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 269X)

**REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME
TO FILE NOTICE OF CONSUMMATION**

Dear Ms. Brown:

According to the decision of the Board having a service date of July 28, 2008 in the above-referenced matter, it was ordered that if there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation of the subject abandonment, pursuant to the provisions of 49 C.F.R. §1152.29(e)(2), Union Pacific Railroad Company, ("Union Pacific"), shall file a Notice of Consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority granted and fully abandon the line by July 28, 2009. On July 3, 2009, Union Pacific requested an extension of time to complete salvaging of the Line before filing the Notice of Consummation. The Board granted Union Pacific's extension request by decision with a service date of July 27, 2009 to December 31, 2009 and again by decision with a service date of December 30, 2009 to June 1, 2010.

The Sunflower Recreational Trails, Inc. ("SRT") on February 17, 2010 filed a late filed request for issuance of a Notice of Interim Trails Use ("NITU"). The Board granted this NITU request by decision with a service date of March 12, 2010 and granted an NITU negotiation period ending September 8, 2010. The SRT filed for an extension of the NITU beyond September 8, 2010 on August 25, 2010.

The UP filed a request for an extension of time to accept or reject SRT's request for Extension of the NITU on September 15, 2010 to allow UP and SRT to conclude whether an agreement for trail use could be reached.

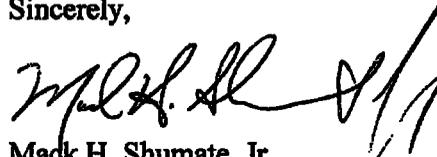


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Unfortunately, SRT and UP were not able to reach a mutually acceptable agreement for a trail. While most of the Line has been salvaged, there are at least twenty (20) bridges on the Line that are contracted and scheduled for removal. The bridge removal process was delayed during the NITU negotiation period. In addition, most of the right-of-way which makes up the Line is reversionary and not owned by UP. Therefore, UP desires to remove and salvage the bridges prior to filing for consummation of the abandonment. This schedule will avoid potential personal property nuisance claims by adjacent landowners. UP has given its contractor the authorization to commence the bridge removal process in accordance with the contract. However, it may take the contractor six to eight months to complete the bridge removals.

Therefore, for the reasons set forth above, Union Pacific respectfully requests that the Board extend the time for filing the Notice of Consummation in this matter as permitted under 49 C.F.R. §1152.29(e)(2) to July 1, 2011.

Sincerely,



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