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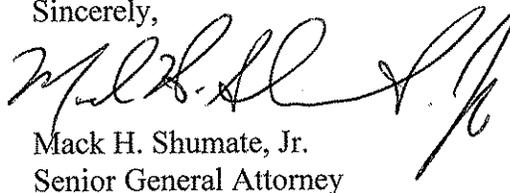
**RE: Union Pacific Railroad Company - Abandonment - From Milepost 196.7 near Essex, to Milepost 216.27 near Miner, a distance of 19.57 miles in New Madrid, Scott, and Stoddard Counties, Missouri (Essex to Miner Line);
STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 261)**

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 7, 2011. A copy of the City's request for extension is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and hereby made a part hereof.

Sincerely,



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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 served June 17, 2009 in the above-referenced proceeding, the Board issued a Certificate of Interim Trail Use ("CITU"). As set forth in the Board's decision served on June 10, 2010, the CITU negotiating period expires on December 9, 2010.

Union Pacific Railroad Company ("UP") and the City of Sikeston, Missouri ("Sikeston") continue to be engaged in negotiations concerning a trail use agreement, but, to date, these negotiations have not led to the completion of a final agreement.

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Sikeston respectfully requests that the Board issue an order further extending the CITU negotiating period by an additional 180 days in order to permit Sikeston and UP to continue their ongoing negotiations.

Respectfully submitted,



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