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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown, Chief
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Dear Ms. Brown:

**SUBJECT: Proposed Sault Ste. Marie Bridge Company Abandonment in
Dickinson County, MI - STB Docket No. AB-506 (Sub-No. 1X)**

Dear Ms. Brown:

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment (MDNRE) hereby respectfully requests a 180-day extension of the railbanking period provided by your Decision of August 19, 2008. The MDNRE and the Sault Ste. Marie Bridge Company are continuing negotiations towards an agreement, and expect to complete an agreement within 180 days.

Sincerely,

James Radabaugh, State Trails Coordinator
Forest Management Division
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cc: Mr. Thomas J. Healey, Sault Ste. Marie Bridge Company
Mr. Robert Fowler, Rail Property Management
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