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Cynthia T. Brown  
Chief, Section of Administration, Office of Proceedings  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 E Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20423

RE: Docket No. AB-117 (SubNo. 7X), Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway Company - Abandonment Exemption - in Hammond, Lake County, Indiana

Dear Ms. Brown:

The Indiana Trails Fund respectfully requests for the Surface Transportation Board to grant an extension of 180 days, to July 3, 2011, for time to continue the negotiations toward completing Interim Trail Use in the above captioned proceeding.

Further the Indiana Trails Fund requests an extension of 180 days to July 4, 2011 to continue the Public Use Condition.

These matters are continuing from the decision of July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

The property, known as the Elgin Joliet, and Eastern Railway, extends from railroad milepost 46.10 (near Indianapolis Ave and 152<sup>nd</sup> Street) to railroad milepost 48.28 (near Hohman Ave and 149<sup>th</sup> Street latitude), a distance of 2.18 miles in Lake County, Indiana. The right-of-way is part of a line of the EJE Ry proposed for abandonment in STB Docket No. AB- 117 (Sub-No. 7X ).

This request is being simultaneously served to the Elgin Joliet and Eastern Railway via: Canadian National RR, Law Department, Mr. Thomas J. Healey, Counsel Regulatory, 17641 South Ashland Avenue, Homewood, Illinois 60430-1339, T = 708-332-4381, F = 708-332-4361, E-mail = tom.healey@cn.ca.

The EJE Rw has agreed to such continuance and will send their concurrence upon receipt of this letter, which is being both e~filed and overnighted, the later with a \$400 check for fees.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely, Richard Vonnegut, President

cc: Linda Armbruster, CNRR