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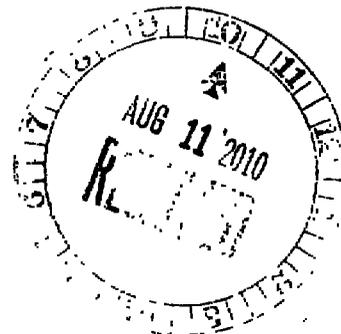
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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown, Chief
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Dear Ms. Brown:

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

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

Should you require further information, please contact Mr. Roger Storm, DNRE Trailway Acquisition Specialist, at 517-335-3258; or DNRE, P.O. Box 30448, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7948; or you may contact me.

Sincerely,

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