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The Honorable Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, S.W., Room #100
Washington, DC 20423-0001

RE: STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub No. 262X) – Abandonment and Discontinuance of the Elm Industrial Lead in Fulton and Peoria Counties, IL

Dear Ms. Brown:

Union Pacific has received a request from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources ("IDNR") to extend an Interim Trail Use Condition in the above-captioned proceeding. Union Pacific is willing to continue negotiating with IDNR concerning the acquisition of the subject property for trail use and supports IDNR's request for an extension.

Union Pacific acknowledges that under the Board's decision in *Limiting Extensions of Trail Use Negotiating Periods*, STB Docket No. EP 749 (Sub-No. 1) (Served December 4, 2019), the parties are not eligible for an automatic one-year extension of the negotiating period. However, IDNR's letter demonstrates extraordinary circumstances, primarily the COVID-19 pandemic, that warrant an extension. Union Pacific requests the Board grant this extension.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jeremy Berman

Jeremy Berman

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