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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
Surface Transportation Board
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Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

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RE: STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 262X) — Union Pacific Railroad Company
Abandonment and Discontinuance of the Elm Industrial Lead in Fulton and Peoria
Counties, Illinois

Dear Ms. Brown:

On February 22, 2022, the Village of Hanna City filed a Motion for Issuance of a Substitute Notice of Interim Trail Use (NITU) and Motion for Adjustment of the Substitute NITU Negotiation Period. The Department has no objection to this Motion. However, the Department would prefer to be listed in the alternative with the Village for purposes of this ongoing action. The Department would concur in the request for an extension of time as the parties are represented as very close to concluding negotiations for the purchase.

The parties remain hopeful that this arrangement will produce a feasible purchase arrangement. The Department will provide further information on these topics if requested. The Department respectfully requests the Board grant a 365 day extension until March 30th, 2023, or such time so indicated by the Board.

It is my understanding that the filing fee of \$450.00 is waived for state agencies requesting extension of NITU negotiations as to STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 262X), Union Pacific Railroad Company. Please date stamp a copy of this letter and return it to the DNR.

Thank you for your consideration of this request, and please contact me should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Javonna Ackerman', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Javonna Ackerman

cc: Jeremy Berman, UP
Louis Yockey, DNR
Janaki Nair, Hanna City
Richard Welsh, NARPO