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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 Railroad Company ("Union Pacific") has received a request from the Illinois Department of Natural Resource ("IDNR") requesting an extension of an Interim Trail Use Condition for UP's Elm Industrial Lead (the "Line"). The Line extends from Milepost 461.5 near Middle Grove, Fulton County to Milepost 486.2 at Molitor Jet, Peoria County, a distance of 24.7 miles in the State of Illinois.

UP is willing to continue negotiating with IDNR concerning the acquisition of the subject property for trail use and supports the IDNR's request for an additional 180-day extension in which to negotiate. Based on UP's calculations, the 180 day extension would expire on October 12, 2017. Based on the previous order in this matter, the 180-day extension expires on April 15, 2017. A copy of IDNR's request is attached hereto as Exhibit A and hereby made a part hereof. The negotiation period for an additional 180 days is from April 15, 2017 to October 12, 2017. A copy of the Local Agencies' request for extension dated March 24, 2017 is attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and hereby made a part hereof.

Sincerely,

Mack H. Shumate, Jr.
Senior General Attorney

Attachment

cc: Illinois Department of Natural Resources