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Office of the Secretary
Case Control Unit
STB Finance Docket No. 33047
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street NW
Washington DC 20423-0001



Attn: Victoria Rutson
Environmental Project Manager
Environmental Filing

Re: STB Finance Docket No 33407/EIS Draft, DM&E Railroad Project

Dear Ms Rutson,

I am writing to request that you consider an extension of the 90-day review time for the above-mentioned project.

I am a resident of the city of Skyline, Minnesota. This city is located adjacent to the city of Mankato, MN. I have watched news of the DM&E Railroad development project that includes the Mankato area and could involve rerouting that named railroad through this area over the past couple of years. I have seen news articles, read published maps and suddenly it appears that in just the last two weeks different maps are appearing which are quite different than what has previously been in the hands of the community, and the various agencies that are involved. The city of Skyline, MN has suddenly shown up as part of that pathway.

I realize that it took the STB a very long time to put together the very lengthy EIS report. The current timing of the allowed review falls over a very busy holiday season. Please extend that review period by an additional 180 days after the January 5, 2001 deadline.

Will you please give immediate attention to this matter?

Respectfully yours,

Keith W. Purscell

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