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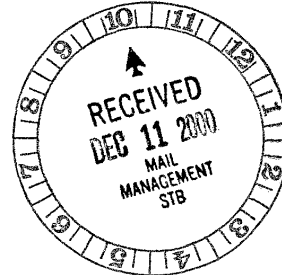
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Attn: Victoria Rutson

Dear Ms. Rutson,

I have been working long and hard on the comments EIS for the DM&E RR, but there is so much to read and study that I cannot do a decent job by the current deadline of January 8, 2001. I therefore request an extension of at least an additional 180 days to do justice to these documents.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Frank Eathorne

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