



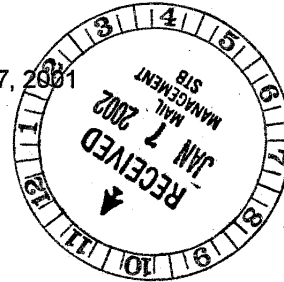
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SUBJECT: Proposed Lake State Railway Abandonment in Alpena & Presque Isle Counties,
MI—STB Docket No. AB-534 (Sub-No. 2X)

Dear Secretary:

We would like to request a 180-day extension of the railbanking period provided by your Decision of April 27, 2001, for this case. This Department and the railroad are continuing negotiations towards an agreement and expect to complete an agreement within 180 days.

Sincerely,

James Rodabough
for

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