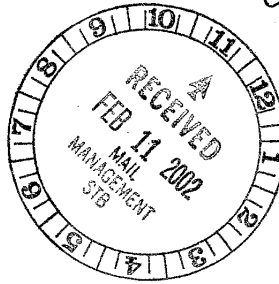


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December 28, 2001

The Honorable Vernon Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W., Suite 715
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: STB Docket No. AB-406 (Sub No. 14X), Central Kansas Railway, L.L.C.
Abandonment Exemption—In Sedgwick County, Kansas

Dear Secretary Williams:

This letter is in response to the request dated December 21, 2001, by the City of Goddard, Kansas ("City"), for the issuance of interim trail use ("NITU"), under the National Trails System Act, 16 U.S.C. § 1247(d). The letter from the City requested an NITU for the portions of the rail line authorized for abandonment in this proceeding between Mileposts 11.62 and 15.6 in Sedgwick County, Kansas.

Central Kansas Railway, L.L.C. ("CKR") hereby notifies the Board that CKR has not consummated the abandonment of the rail line authorized for abandonment in this proceeding and is willing to negotiate for trail use with the City.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please call me.

Sincerely,

Mike Ogborn
Manager

Central Kansas Railway, LLC

cc: Larry Zimmerman

Mayor, City of Goddard