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May 29, 2002

The Honorable Vernon Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W., Suite 700
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: STB Docket No. AB-471 (Sub-No. 4X), South Kansas and Oklahoma Railroad Company – Abandonment Exemption – In Crawford, Wilson, Elk and Greenwood Counties, Kansas and Osage and Tulsa Counties, Oklahoma

Dear Secretary Williams:

The South Kansas & Oklahoma Railroad Company ("SKO") filed a notice of exemption under 49 I.E. and 1152.50, to abandon, among other lines, a 6-mile rail line located between milepost 359.0, at Pittsburg, Kansas, and milepost 365.0, at Cherokee, Kansas (the "line").

On October 3, 2000, the City of Pittsburg ("City") filed a request for issuance of a notice of interim trail use ("NITU"), under the National Trails Systems Act, 16 U.S.C. 1247 (d), and for a public condition under 49 U.S.C. 10905 for the Line. By decision served November 29, 2000, the Surface Transportation Board ("Board") issued a NITU authorizing negotiations until May 29, 2001.

The City and the SKO continue to negotiate an interim trail use/rail banking agreement and continue to make progress towards achieving an agreement, and therefore request an extension for 180 days, until November 25, 2002.

Sincerely,

THE CITY OF PITTSBURG

William H. Rushton
President of the Board

cc: City Commissioners
John Van Gorden