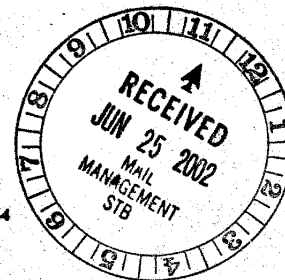


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June 20, 2002

Mr. Vernon Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street Northwest
Washington, D. C. 20423-0001

Dear Secretary Williams:

This is with reference to STB Docket No AB 586 (Sub No, 1X)

The North Central Railway Association requires more time in which to consider our offer to purchase their right-of-way in Franklin County, Iowa, between Hampton and Geneva, a 6.5 mile proposed abandonment that could possibly be converted to a trail under terms of federal legislation.

Under these terms we are allowed time in which to negotiate with the railroad for acquisition of the corridor. Our original time period granted by the Surface Transportation Board was 180 days, until April 22, 2002 and then later extended for 60 days to June 21.

In visiting with Mr. T. Scott Bannister, who is representing the NCRA in these negotiations, he indicated more time is necessary and suggested that an additional 90 days may be required. We are therefore requesting an extension of 90 days beyond June 21, in which to finalize these negotiations. Your cooperation in this regard is appreciated.

We are sending a copy of this letter to Mr Bannister at 1300 Des Moines Building, 405 Sixth Ave in Des Moines, Iowa, 50309 and in addition to the faxed copy of this letter to you today, will send ten additional copies to your office in today's mail. We expect Mr. Bannister will confirm NCRA's concurrence by FAX (202-565-9004) and by letter as required.

Sincerely,

Tom F. Neenan

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