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Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Office of the Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 "K" Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

RE: NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY ASSOCIATION, INC. ("NCRA")
AB-586 (Sub No. 1X)

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Dear Secretary Williams:

In regard to the attached request from Iowa Trails Council for extension of the trail use negotiating period dated September 9, 2002, NCRA is not agreeable to grant of such an extension.

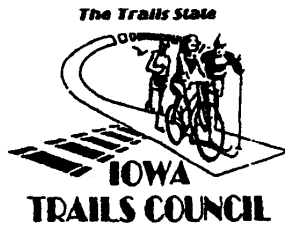
Your attention to this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

T. Scott Bannister
Counsel for North Central
Railway Association, Inc.

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Attachment
Cc: Maury Hyde, NCRA
Tom F. Neenan, Iowa Trails Council

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Dear Secretary Williams:

This is with reference to AB 586 (Sub No. 1X), a proposed abandonment by the North Central Railway Association in Franklin County, Iowa, between the cities of Hampton and Geneva.

We are requesting an extension of another 90 days in which to complete negotiations for the acquisition of this right-of-way under terms of the National Trails System Act.

We are enclosing ten copies of this request and are mailing a copy to Mr. T. Scott Bannister at his office in Des Moines. Mr. Bannister represents the railroad in this matter. We trust that the NCRA will concur in this request for additional time.

Sincerely,

Tom F. Neenan