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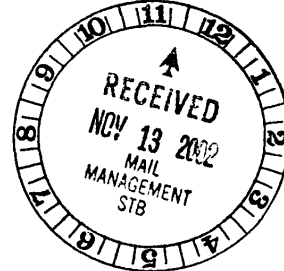
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Dear Secretary:

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

We would like to request a 180-day extension of the railbanking period provided by your Decision of May 14, 2002, for this case. This Department and the railroad are continuing negotiations towards an agreement and expect to complete an agreement within 180 days.

Sincerely,

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