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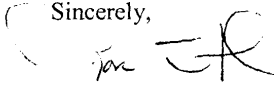
Subject: Docket No. AB-325 (Sub-No. 2X), Florida Midland Railroad Company –
Abandonment Exemption – In Sumter and Lake Counties, Florida

Dear Secretary Williams:

By decision dated June 13, 2002, in the above captioned matter, the Board granted a notice of interim trail use allowing the parties until December 10, 2002 to reach an agreement. This letter is intended as an official request for an extension of time of the trail negotiation period because the parties will be unable to finalize the transaction by the December 10 date. As such, please allow the parties a six-month extension, or until June 8, 2003 to allow for negotiations to proceed.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,



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City Manager

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