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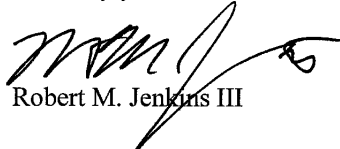
Re: The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway
Company – Petition for Declaration or
Prescription of Crossing, Trackage or Joint Use
Rights, STB Finance Docket No. 33740

Dear Secretary Williams:

On August 13, 2003, the Board served a Decision in the above-captioned proceeding granting a joint request by The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company ("BNSF") and Keokuk Junction Railway Company ("KJRY") for an extension of time, until September 12, 2003, to continue their negotiations regarding compensation and other terms for the crossing that is the subject of the above-captioned proceeding.

Since then, the parties have been negotiating in good faith, but they have not completed their negotiations. Counsel for KJRY has authorized BNSF to write this letter to jointly request an additional 30-day extension of time to continue the parties' negotiations. Accordingly, by this letter the parties jointly request an additional 30 days, until October 13, 2003, to submit any remaining matters in dispute to the Board.

Sincerely yours,



Robert M. Jenkins III

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cc: Daniel A. LaKemper, Keokuk Junction Railway Company
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