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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

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Dear Secretary Williams:

On September 16, 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 October 13, 2003 (Columbus Day holiday), 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. Accordingly, by this letter BNSF requests an additional 30 days, until November 12, 2003, to submit any remaining matters in dispute to the Board.

Sincerely yours,



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cc: Daniel A. LaKemper, Keokuk Junction Railway Company
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