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October 13, 2003



Mr. Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Mercury Building
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20423

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. A second extension of time was granted on June 6, 2003, extending the grant to December 5, 2003. The City is currently completing the title work and boundary survey within the next 30 days necessary for the closing on the property. We have finalized our financing and anticipate the sale will occur within the next six months. 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 5th date. As such, please allow the parties a 180 day extension, or until June 2, 2004 to allow for property purchase to occur.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Ron Stock
City Manager

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