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The Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
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**RE: Docket No. AB-838, East St. Louis Junction Railroad Company – Adverse
Abandonment – In St. Clair County, IL**

**Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 199), Union Pacific Railroad Company – Adverse
Discontinuance – In St. Clair County, IL**

Dear Mr. Williams:

By decision served October 1, 2003, the Board granted a 30 day extension (from October 6 to November 5) of the due date for filing protests and written comments in the above proceedings to facilitate negotiations by UP, applicant Illinois Department of Transportation ("ILDOT") and other railroads involved in the Illinois Route 3 project.

Union Pacific Railroad Company ("UP") respectfully requests an additional 60 day extension (from November 5, 2003 to January 4, 2004) of the due date for filing protests and written comments in these proceedings. In support of this request, UP states that the above parties are engaged in ongoing negotiations, which will not be concluded before the current November 5 due date. We are requesting a 60 day extension, rather than another 30 day period, because, given the multiple parties involved, the negotiations are likely to require more than 30 days. UP remains hopeful that the negotiations will prove successful, in which case UP would not oppose ILDOT's application.

Counsel for ILDOT has authorized UP to state that ILDOT has no objection to the requested extension.

An additional ten (10) copies of this letter are attached for the Board's files.

Very truly yours,

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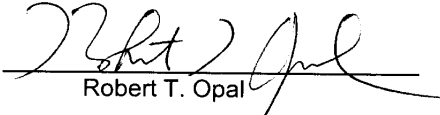
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I certify that I have this day served a copy of the foregoing document upon the following by fax and by first class United States Mail:

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