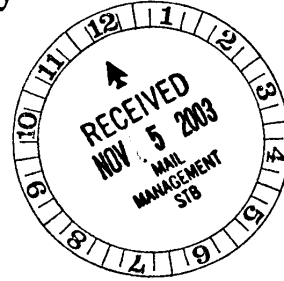




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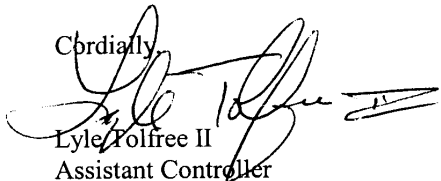
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Dear Secretary:

We would like to request a 180-day extension of the railbanking period provided by your decision on May 20, 2003, for this case. Lake State Railway and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources are continuing negotiations towards an sale and expect to complete an agreement within 180 days on the all of this property.

We anticipate the sale for the main line portion from milepost 125.2 9 (Alpena, MI) to milepost 151.25 (just north of Metz, MI) and the Rogers City branch from milepost 0.0 to milepost 6.7 will close in December, 2003. We also anticipate closure on the remaining portion for the Rogers City branch, milepost 6.7 to milepost 11.5, within the next 180 days.

Cordially,


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Assistant Controller

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