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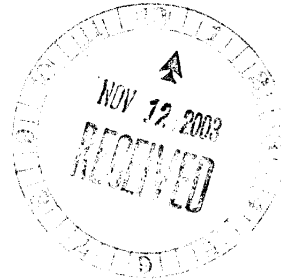
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The Honorable Vernon Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W., Suite 715
Washington, DC 20423-0001



Re: STB Docket No. AB-853 (Sub-No. 1X), Kansas & Oklahoma Railroad, Inc. – Abandonment Exemption -- In Hodgeman, Comanche, Kiowa and Pratt Counties, Kansas

Dear Secretary Williams:

This is in response to the request dated November 6, 2003, by American Trails Association ("ATA"), for issuance of a Notice of Interim Trail Use ("NITU"), under the National Trails System Act, 16 U.S.C. § 1247(d), for the following two rail lines authorized for abandonment in this proceeding: (1) the 10.7-mile rail line located between MP 36.3, at Hanston, and MP 47.0, at Jetmore, in Hodgeman County, KS; and (2) the 46.8-mile rail line located between MP 589.2, at Coats, and MP 636.0, at Protection, in Comanche, Kiowa and Pratt Counties, KS.

Kansas & Oklahoma Railroad, Inc. ("K&O") hereby notifies the Board that K&O has not consummated the abandonment of the lines and is willing to negotiate for trail use with ATA.

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If you have any questions concerning this matter, please call me.

Sincerely,

Karl Morell

cc: Steven VanWagenen