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Public RecordVernon A. Williams
Surface Transportation Board
1925 "K" Street, N.W., Room 504
Washington, DC 20423-0001**RE: Proposed Abandonment of an Western Portion of the Bristow Subdivision from M.P. 318.36 near Hampton to M.P. 326.50 near Coulter, a distance of 7.84 miles in Franklin County, Iowa; STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 201X)**

Dear Mr. Williams:

Union Pacific Railroad Company ("Union Pacific") has received the attached request from the Iowa Trails Council dated March 10, 2004 for a 180 day extension in which to complete negotiations for the acquisition under the provisions 16 U.S.C. § 1247(d) and 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29 regarding that portion of the Union Pacific's right-of-way known as the Western Portion of the Bristow Subdivision from Milepost 318.36 near Hampton, Iowa to Milepost 326.50 near Coulter Iowa, a distance of 7.84 miles in Franklin County, Iowa. The Union Pacific is willing to continue negotiating with the Iowa Trails Council concerning the acquisition of the subject property for trail use and supports the Council's request for a 189 day extension in which to negotiate. A copy of the Iowa Trails Council's request is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and hereby made a part hereof.

Ten (10) additional copies of this letter with exhibits are enclosed for the Board's use and distribution.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosures

cc: Brian O'Boyle <STB - Fax 202/565-9004>
Iowa Trails Council

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March 10, 2004 Via FAX

Mr. Vernon Williams
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Ref. AB 33 (Sub No. 201X)

Dear Mr. Williams:

The Council is requesting an additional 180 days in which to complete its negotiations for the acquisition of the soon to be abandoned Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way located between Coulton and Hampton in Franklin County, Iowa.

We mistakenly described this right-of-way in our letter to the Surface Transportation Board dated March 3 (copy attached), when we meant to be requesting more time to negotiate for the line between Chapin and Sheffield, in Franklin County, Iowa.

The Union Pacific Railroad correctly extended the ITC its agreement for more time in which to negotiate for the Chapin to Sheffield line, identifying our application by the reference we made to AB 33 (Sub No. 202X).

We are, in fact, requesting additional time in which to complete negotiations for BOTH AB 33 (Sub No. 201X) and AB 33 (Sub No. 202X). We apologize for any confusion we may have caused. In particular, by this letter, we are requesting more time in which to complete negotiations for the right-of-way identified by AB 33 (Sub No. 201X). The railroad has agreed to more time for AB 33 (Sub No. 202X) by their letter dated March 5, 2004.

We are forwarding copies of this letter to both the Chicago and Omaha offices of the Union Pacific Railroad and are sending ten copies of this letter under separate cover to the Surface Transportation Board, to your attention.

Thanking you for your kind attention to our request, we remain

Sincerely,


Tom F. Neenan

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Comments: Iowa Trails Council Extension Request

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