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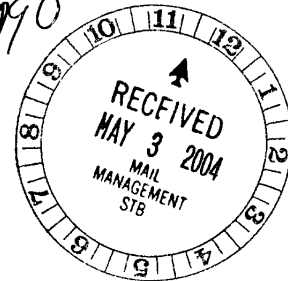
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Subject: Proposed Lake State Railway Abandonment in Alpena & Presque Isle Counties,
MI—STB Docket No. AB-534 (Sub-No.2X)

Dear Mr. Secretary:

We would like to request a 180-day extension of the rail banking period provided by your Decision of November 10, 2003, for this case. Our Department and the railroad are continuing negotiations towards an agreement, and expect to complete an agreement within 180 days.

Sincerely,

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