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The Honorable Vernon A. Williams

Secretary

Surface Transportation Board

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Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

LATE FILED REQUEST FOR FILING PROTESTS AND WRITTEN COMMENTS**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 March 2, 2004, the Board granted a 60 day extension (from March 4, 2004 to May 4, 2004) 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 May 4, 2004 to July 20, 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 May 4th due date. An alternative service proposal has been offered to the UP which is encouraging and is presently undergoing internal review. We are requesting an 60 day extension, because, given the multiple parties involved and recent setbacks in said negotiations, reaching an agreement is likely to require an additional 60 days. UP remains hopeful that the negotiations will prove successful, in which case UP would not oppose ILDOT's application.

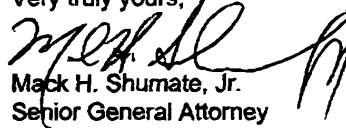
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Counsel to ILDOT has authorized UP to state that IDOT has no objection to the requested extension.

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

Very truly yours,



Mack H. Shumate, Jr.
Senior General Attorney

Enclosures

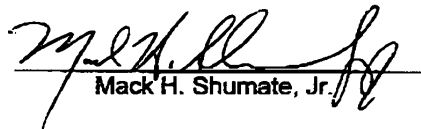
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