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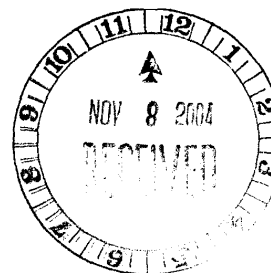
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Re: STB Docket No. AB-857X Great Western Railway of Colorado,
LLC -- Abandonment Exemption -- In Weld County, Colorado

Dear Secretary Williams:

Attached please find a check for \$300 to cover the filing fee for the NITU extension request filed by Great Western Railway of Colorado on October 18, 2004. A copy of that request is attached for your convenience.

If you have any questions, please call me.

Sincerely,

Karl Morell

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Re: STB Docket No. AB-857X Great Western Railway of Colorado,
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Dear Secretary Williams:

By decision and notice of interim trail use or abandonment ("NITU"), served on April 7, 2004, the Board reopened this proceeding and authorized a 180-day period for the Municipalities of Eaton, Severance, and Windsor, CO ("Municipalities") to negotiate an interim trail use/rail banking agreement with Great Western Railway of Colorado, LLC ("GWRC") for the 11.7-mile rail line authorized for abandonment in this proceeding (the "Line"). The negotiating period expired on October 4, 2004.

GWRC hereby requests the Board to extend the NITU negotiating period for an additional 180 days. Although the negotiating period has expired, GWRC has not consummated the abandonment of the Line and the parties are continuing to negotiate an agreement.

Where, as here, the carrier has not consummated abandonment and the parties are willing to continue trail use negotiations, the Board retains jurisdiction and the NITU negotiating period may be extended.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karl Morell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Karl" and last name "Morell" clearly distinguishable.

Karl Morell