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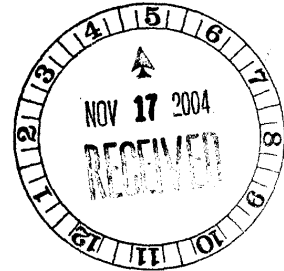
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RE: Canadian National/Illinois Central-Abandonment-Forrest County Mississippi STB
Docket Number AB-43 (Sub-NO. 173X)

Dear Secretary Williams:

As a result of unexpected delays, we again request an extension of time for negotiations on the above referenced abandonment. We feel that an additional 60 day extension will be more than sufficient to complete negotiations and finalize this matter. Therefore, we are requesting an additional 60 day extension on the above referenced abandonment.

Please find attached a check in the amount of \$300.00 for the fee required with this extension. We sincerely regret the necessity of having to make this request; however, the effort of the affected entities with this additional time is expected to bring this matter to conclusion.

Sincerely,

Stone D. Barefield
Board Attorney

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