

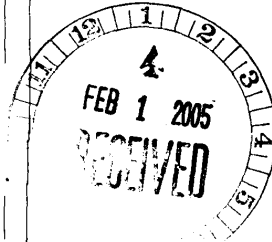
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Honorable Vernon A. Williams
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Re: *Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority - Request for Extension for Time to File Notice of Consummation of Exempt Abandonment of Rail Line located in McLeod, Carver, and Hennepin Counties, Minnesota*
S.T.B. Docket No. AB 864X

Dear Secretary Williams:

This letter is a follow up to letter dated January 28, 2005, by Hennepin County Regional Railroad (HCRRA) requesting an extension for the time to file notice of consummation of the above referenced exempt abandonment. HCRRA has fulfilled all conditions of the exempt abandonment, but the Surface Transportation Board's Section 106 historical review process has not been completed. HCRRA requests that the time for filing of notice of consummation of abandonment be extended to June 1, 2005 to allow adequate time for completion of the historical review process.

By this letter HCRRA also serves all parties of record to the notice of exemption proceeding, and the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission pursuant to 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2). Enclosed is HCRRA's certificate of service.

Ten (10) additional copies of this letter are enclosed for the Board's use and distribution. In addition, enclosed is a self-addressed stamped envelope and copy of this letter to be stamped with the filing date and returned to the undersigned. If you have any questions regarding the above-referenced matter, please feel free to call me.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure: Certificate of Service

cc: Dennis Gimmestad, Minnesota SHPO (w. enc.)

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Minnesota Public Utilities Commission pursuant to 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2) (w. enc.)

Marcia Wilda, Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority (w. enc.)