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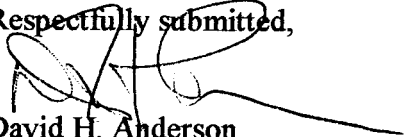
Re: Florida West Coast Railroad Company, Inc. – Abandonment and Discontinuance of Service – In Alachua and Gilchrist Counties, Florida – Surface Transportation Board Docket No. AB-347 (Sub-No. 3X)

Dear Secretary Williams:

This letter is intended to serve as Florida West Coast Railroad Company, Inc.'s ("FWCR") request for an extension of the consummation date in the above-captioned abandonment proceeding. In accordance with the Board's decision served on June 14, 2004, FWCR must consummate this abandonment by June 14, 2005. FWCR hereby requests an extension of that date until September 14, 2005. Although interest in railbanking this line has been expressed, the parties have been unable to finalize discussions and there is currently no Interim Trails Use Condition in place.

FWCR wants to ensure that it does not lose the ability to exercise the abandonment authority while further trail discussions continue. As a result, FWCR requests an extension of the consummation date in the above-captioned proceeding. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,



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cc: Mr. Clyde S. Forbes (FWCR)
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