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The Hon. Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, NW
Room 700
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: Docket No. AB-68 (Sub-No. 4X); *Lake Superior & Ishpeming Railroad Company – Abandonment Exemption – in Marquette County, MI*

Dear Secretary Williams:

As attorney for the Applicant, I am in receipt of a copy of the letter to you from Roger E. Storm, dated August 11, 2005, containing a request on behalf of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for an extension of time to complete negotiations for an Interim Trail Use/Rail Banking Agreement within the permissive scope of the Notice of Interim Trail Use contained in the Order of the Board decided January 19, 2005.

The Applicant has no objection to the request and will continue to negotiate with the Department of Natural Resources in an effort to complete an agreement by November 15, 2005. If no agreement has been reached by that date, the Applicant will file notice that it has consummated the abandonment authority granted and fully abandoned the line.

Respectfully,

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cc: Peter Ray, President, Lake Superior & Ishpeming Railroad
Kenneth B. Simmons, Esq., Cleveland-Cliffs, Inc.