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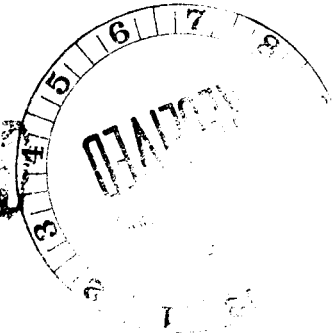
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Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street NW – Room 711
Washington, DC 20423

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RE: STB Docket No. AB-314 (Sub-No 2X)
Chicago Central & Pacific Railroad – Abandonment – Linn County, Iowa

Dear Mr. Williams:

On October 25, 2002, the Surface Transportation Board (STB) entered into a decision and served notice with respect to interim trail use/rail banking of the captioned abandonment, subject to public use trail, environmental and standard employee protective conditions. On April 11, 2005, the STB concurred with the City of Marion's request to extend the interim trail use/rail banking of the subject abandonment until October 11, 2005.

The parties are in active negotiations but agree that an additional time extension will be needed.

Accordingly, the City of Marion, Iowa, respectfully requests an additional time extension to December 31, 2005 regarding interim trail use/rail banking of the subject abandonment within the corporate limits of the City of Marion, Iowa. We have consulted with the railroad and they agree with this extension request.

Please feel free to contact City Manager Jeff Schott at 319-377-1581 if you have any questions or need additional information regarding this request.

Sincerely,


John B. Nieland, Mayor

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