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By electronic mail

Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Case Control Unit, Suite 713
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

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Re: STB Docket No. AB-868X, *Mississippi Tennessee Holdings, LLC --
Abandonment Exemption -- in Union, Pontotoc and Chickasaw Counties, MS*

~~STB Docket No. AB-869X, *Mississippi Tennessee Railroad, LLC --
Discontinuance of Service -- in Union, Pontotoc and Chickasaw Counties, MS*~~

Dear Mr. Williams:

Mississippi Tennessee Holdings, LLC (MTH) hereby respectfully requests an extension of one year in the deadline for filing a notice of consummation of abandonment of the rail line in the above proceeding.

The exemption for abandonment of the rail line became effective on November 18, 2004 pursuant to a Board decision issued on that date that reinstated a Board decision issued July 26, 2004 that granted the petition for exemption of abandonment. Consequently, the deadline for filing a notice of consummation of the abandonment is November 18, 2005.

The extension is requested because MTH is continuing to negotiate with local governmental agencies for acquisition of the rail line for railbanking and interim recreational trail use (notwithstanding that the initial trail use negotiating period has expired). A one-year extension is sought because Hurricanes Katrina and Rita have preoccupied local governmental agencies and will continue to do so for an extended period of time.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Mr. Gregory Cundiff