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

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 July 11, 2006, the STB concurred with the City of Marion's request to extend the interim trail use/rail banking of the subject abandonment until September 30, 2006.

The parties are still in active negotiations but they will not be concluded by the June 30 timeline.

Accordingly, the City of Marion, Iowa, respectfully requests an additional time extension to December 30, 2006 regarding interim trail use/rail banking of the subject abandonment within the corporate limits of the City of Marion, Iowa. We have notified the railroad regarding this extension request and they have no objection.

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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