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By UPS overnight mail

Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
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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:

In behalf of Mississippi Tennessee Holdings, LLC and City of New Albany, Mississippi, this is to respectfully request an extension of the trail use negotiating period for 180 days from the current expiration date of October 4, 2006, i.e., an extension to April 3, 2007. The current negotiating period is contained in a Board decision served July 6, 2006. A check for \$350 is enclosed for the prescribed filing fee.^{1/}

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cc: Mr. Barry McClure

Very truly yours,

Tom McFarland

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^{1/} In a decision served October 21, 2005 in these proceedings, the Board extended the deadline for consummation of the underlying abandonment to and including November 18, 2006. However, that extension appears to have been unneeded inasmuch as trail use negotiations constitute a regulatory impediment to abandonment, which tolls the one-year period for consummation of abandonment.