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The Honorable Vernon A Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
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**Re: STB Docket No. AB-156 (Sub-No. 23X)
Delaware & Hudson Railway Company, Inc. d/b/a Canadian Pacific Railway
Company – Abandonment Exemption – in Albany County, NY**

REPLY IN OPPOSITION TO REQUEST TO EXTEND NEGOTIATING PERIOD

Dear Secretary Williams

Delaware and Hudson Railway Company, Inc d/b/a Canadian Pacific Railway ("D&H") opposes the County of Albany's request, dated June 6, 2007, to extend the interim trail use negotiating period for an additional 180 days until January 2, 2008

The negotiating period has been extended numerous times since it was initially due to expire on January 12, 2004. As a result, D&H has retained, and paid property taxes, on the subject rail property during the ensuing three-and-a-half years. In its order served April 6, 2007 granting the County's last request for an extension, the Board recognized the significant length of time that has elapsed since abandonment authority was granted and urged the parties "to conclude their negotiations so that further extensions are not necessary."

D&H is willing to continue negotiations with the County to finalize an agreement for the sale of the property but, in light of the considerable delays that have occurred to date, does not believe that another 180 day extension is necessary or appropriate. Accordingly, D&H requests that the Board approve one final 90 day extension, until October 4, 2007, for the parties to finish negotiations and to execute an agreement for sale of the subject property.

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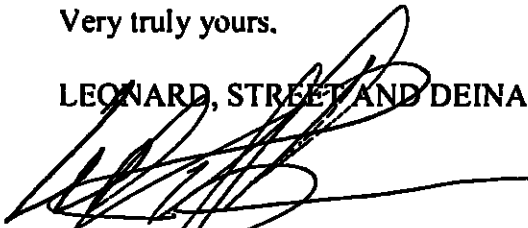
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Please contact me if you have any questions

Very truly yours,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'W. Karl Hansen', written over the printed name.

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