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VIA UPS MONDAY DELIVERY

The Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
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Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

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Re: Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 206X), UP Abandonment Between
Ankeny and Slater, IA

Dear Mr. Williams:

This refers to the corrected petition of the Iowa National Heritage Foundation dated August 7, 2003 requesting a public use condition as to the real estate, ballast and bridges and an NITU for the entire line (mileposts 10.7 - 341.1). The corrected petition excludes the track structure (which was included in INHF's original petition).

This is to advise that UP has no objection to a standard public use condition (excluding the track structure, consistent with the corrected petition) or to an NITU. UP is willing to negotiate possible acquisition of the property for trail use under the National trails System Act.

An additional ten (10) copies of this letter are enclosed for the Board's files.

Very truly yours,

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