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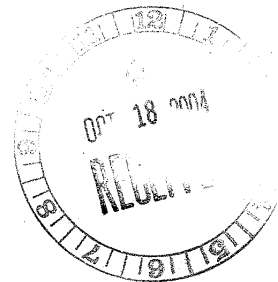
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Via First Class Mail and Fax (202) 565-9019

Mr. Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: STB Docket No. AB-314 (Sub-No. 2X), Chicago, Central & Pacific
Railroad Company ("CCP") — Abandonment Exemption in Linn County,
Iowa

Dear Secretary Williams:

CCP agrees with the extension request of the NITU for the above-referenced proceeding recently sent by the City of Marion. CCP desires the NITU from milepost ZA 225.7 to milepost ZA 228.45 be extended for six months.

Ten copies of this letter are enclosed.

Very truly yours,

Michael J. Barron, Jr.
Counsel for Chicago, Central & Pacific
Railroad Company

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