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August 31, 2005

Mr. Vernon Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
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Washington, D. C., 20423-0001

Re. AB 33 (Sub No. 202X)

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Dear Mr. Secretary:

Our negotiations with the Union Pacific Railroad for the acquisition of the 5.9 mile railroad right-of-way known as the Sheffield Industrial Lead in Franklin County, Iowa, are on a continuing basis but more time is required in order to consummate an agreement.

Would you please extend the time in which to finalize these negotiations for an additional six months, to March 15, 2006? We thank you for this consideration.

The first copy of this request is being transmitted via FAX. Ten copies via regular mail are also being submitted.

A copy of this request is being provided to the Union Pacific Railroad offices in Chicago and Omaha. We anticipate the Railroad's acquiescence in this extension of time.

Sincerely,

Tom F. Neenan