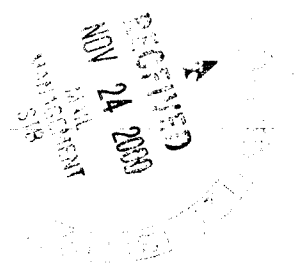


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Surface Transportation Board
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Attention: Victoria Rutson
Environmental Project Manager
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Dear Ms. Rutson,

I am writing to request your consideration for an extension of the 90 day review time for the STB Finance Docket No. 33407/ EIS Draft, DM&E Railroad Project.

Since this is a very lengthy document to review and most persons reading this 2000 page document are working citizens trying to read in their spare time, we would ask that their be some consideration given to this matter.

It took a great deal of time for the STB to write this lengthy dEIS report and so we are sure that you will understand when we say we need a little more time than just 90 days. Plus the fact that this 90 day time frame will fall over the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. We ask that you extend the period 180 days after the Jan. 5, 2001 deadline.

Your prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Nov 20, 2000

The destruction of seven of our finest homes in the City of Skyline will literally and figuratively destroy our city. The adverse effect on remaining homes will also be significant - the coal dust from 37 trains a day will make us black, literally. We are told that some of the coal is radio-active which will cause major health to all of us, especially our children.

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