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April 4, 2003

Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street NW – Room 711
Washington, DC 20423



RE: STB Docket No. AB-314 (Sub-No 2X)
Chicago Central & Pacific Railroad – Abandonment – Linn County, Iowa

Dear Mr. Williams:

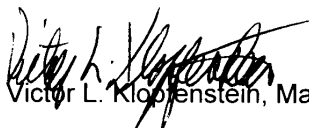
On October 25, 2002, the Surface Transportation Board entered into a decision and served notice with respect to interim trail use/rail banking of the captioned abandonment, subject to public use trail, environmental and standard employee protective conditions.

Since that time, the City of Marion, has been diligently preparing for negotiations with the railroad through project planning and researching into the ownership status of the property in question. Although preliminary contacts have been made with the CCP and CN Railroads, full-scale negotiations and/or agreements have not yet been reached.

Accordingly, the City of Marion, Iowa, respectfully requests an additional six (6) month time extension with respect to the October 25, 2002, STB determination regarding interim trail use/rail banking of the subject abandonment within the corporate limits of the City of Marion, Iowa.

Please feel free to contact City Manager Jeff Schott or me at 319-377-1581 if you have any questions or need additional information regarding this request.

Sincerely,


Victor L. Klopfenstein, Mayor

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