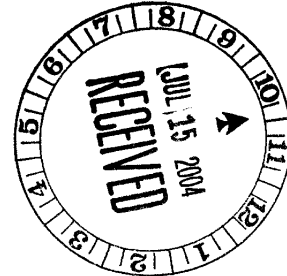


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July 14, 2004



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Mr. Vernon Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Section of Environmental Analysis
1925 "K" St., N.W., Room 504
Washington, DC 20423-0001

**RE: Notice of Consummation of Abandonment and Discontinuance of
Operation – in Polk County, IA (Bell Avenue Industrial Lead in Des Moines, IA)
Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 170)**

Dear Mr. Williams:

This is to advise that as of July 14, 2004, the Union Pacific Railroad Company ("UP"), has consummated the abandonment and discontinued service, trackage rights and rail service over UP's line of railroad known as the Bell Avenue Industrial Lead extending from railroad milepost 221.1 near SE 18th Street to milepost 217.38 near SW 30th Street, a distance of 3.63 miles in Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa (the "Line") pursuant to authority granted in the Surface Transportation Board's ("Board") Decision originally served on January 16, 2002 and made effective on July 9, 2002 after withdrawal of an offer of financial assistance for the Line.

An additional ten (10) copies of this letter are enclosed for the Board's further use and distribution.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosures

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