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The Honorable Vernon Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W., Suite 715
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: STB Docket No. AB-471 (Sub-No. 6X), South Kansas and Oklahoma
Railroad Company - Abandonment Exemption - In Crawford County,
Kansas

Dear Secretary Williams:

This is in response to the request dated October 28, 2002, by The City of Pittsburg, KS ("City"), for issuance of interim trail use ("NITU"), under the National Trails System Act, 16 U.S.C. § 1247(d), for the rail line located between milepost 134.3 and milepost 134.7, in Pittsburg (the "Line").

South Kansas and Oklahoma Railroad Company ("SKO") hereby notifies the Board that SKO has not consummated the abandonment of the Line and is willing to negotiate for trail use with the City.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please call me.

Sincerely,

Karl Morell

cc: The City of Pittsburg, KS