



December 12, 2005

Mr. Vernon Williams
Surface Transportation Board
1925 "K" Street, N.W., Room 504
Washington, DC 20423-0001

RE: Docket No. AB-33 (Sub. No. 187X), Union Pacific Railroad Company – Abandonment Exemption - In Boone and Dallas Counties, Iowa (Ankeny Subdivision) from Milepost 341.1 near Slater, Iowa to Milepost 353.5 near Woodward, Iowa, a distance of 12.2 miles; Notice of Closing of Conveyance Pursuant to the National Trails System Act.

Dear Mr. Williams:

On September 25, 2002, Union Pacific Railroad Company ("UP") filed a Petition for Exemption to permit UP to abandon a 12.2 mile portion of railroad between Milepost 341.1 near Slater, Iowa to Milepost 353.5 near Woodward, Iowa (Equation $346.4 = 346.6$). On October 17, 2003 the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation, Boone and Dallas County Conservation Boards, City of Perry and Iowa Trails Council filed for the issuance of a notice of interim trail use ("NITU"). On January 13, 2003, the Board issued a NITU until July 12, 2003. The trail condition was extended numerous times to facilitate acquisition of the right-of-way by the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation. The trail condition was last extended to January 10, 2006, by Board's Decision served July 12, 2005.

The purpose of this letter is to notify the Board that on November 14, 2005, (1) UP has discontinued service, and (2) the Line between Milepost 341.1 to Milepost 353.5 that was subjected to the National Trails System Act was conveyed to the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation. The conveyance was pursuant to the National Trails System Act, 16 U.S.C. 1247(d). Ten (10) additional copies of this letter are enclosed for the board's use and distribution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Mack H. Shumate, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mack H. Shumate, Jr.

Enclosures

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