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The Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Room 711
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**RE: Paducah & Louisville Railway, Inc. -- Abandonment Exemption
-- In Hopkins County, Ky -- Docket AB-468 (Sub-No. 4X)**

Dear Secretary Williams:

Enclosed please find an original and ten copies of a Request For Extension Of NITU Period to be filed in the referenced docket by Paducah & Louisville Railway, Inc.

Please time and date stamp the extra copy of the Request and return it with our messenger.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'D. Michael Hurst, Jr.'.

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Enclosures

**BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

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IN HOPKINS COUNTY, KY**

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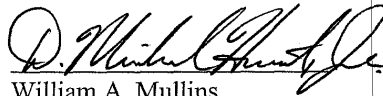
Paducah & Louisville Railway, Inc. ("P&L") hereby requests that the Surface Transportation Board ("STB") enter an order extending by one hundred and eighty (180) days the period for negotiating an interim trail use agreement for the referenced abandonment. In furtherance of this request, P&L states as follows:

1. P&L filed a notice of exemption to abandon the referenced track between MP 154.5, near St. Charles, and 159.6, near Ilsley, all in Hopkins County, KY, on March 19, 2001. The exemption became effective May 8, 2001. By petition filed May 11, 2001, Hopkins County Fiscal Court ("HCFC") late-filed a request for, *inter alia*, issuance of a notice of interim trail use ("NITU"). P&L advised the STB that it was willing to negotiate with HCFC over trail use, and the Board entered an order, served May 29, 2001, imposing a NITU condition. The NITU condition was set to expire on November 25, 2001, but P&L filed a Request for Extension of the NITU Period, which was granted by the Board on November 26, 2001. The extension recently expired on May 24, 2002.

2. Subsequent to issuance of the NITU, P&L and HCFC have been engaged in discussions over HCFC's use of the right-of-way as a trail. The negotiations have made some progress, but a definitive agreement has not yet been reached. P&L is amenable to continuing the negotiations with HCFC for trail use. P&L has not yet consummated its abandonment authority.

Wherefore, P&L respectfully requests that the STB enter an order extending the NITU period in this docket by a period of 180 days after May 24, 2002, or until November 20, 2002.

Respectfully submitted,

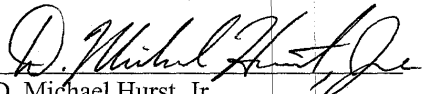


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that on this 29th day of May, 2002, I caused the foregoing "Request For Extension Of Negotiating An Interim Trail Use ("NITU") Period" to be served upon Richard L. Frymire, Judge/Executive, Hopkins County Fiscal Court, Hopkins County Courthouse, Madisonville, KY 42431.


D. Michael Hurst, Jr.