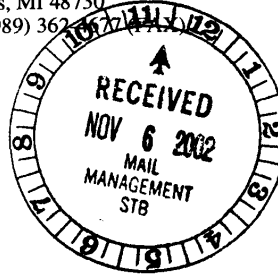




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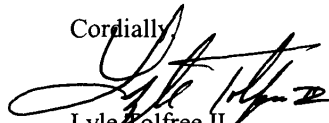
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Dear Secretary:

We would like to request a 180-day extension of the railbanking period provided by your decision on May 14, 2002, for this case. Lake State Railway and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources are continuing negotiations towards an agreement and expect to complete an agreement within 180 days.

Cordially,


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