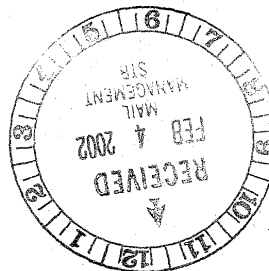


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Richard J. Sheehy
Mayor

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

**RE: Union Pacific Railroad Company
Abandonment in Adams and Hall Counties, Nebraska,
Docket AB-33 (Sub-No. 166X)**

Dear Mr. Williams,

The City of Hastings, Nebraska is requesting a 180-day extension on our request for a Public Use Condition and Trail Use of the Hansen Industrial Lead between Hastings, Nebraska and Hansen, Nebraska.

Over the last several months, the City of Hastings and the Union Pacific Railroad have been attempting negotiations dealing with the previous actions affecting this line. Due to circumstances, the City and the Union Pacific Railroad have been unable to complete negotiations.

First, Ron Aupperly, the Real Estate Agent for the Union Pacific Railroad working with me has retired. Linda Baburek has been assigned to work on this issue, but we have had limited conversations. Second, the Union Pacific Railroad has determined a need to use this line for storage until the end of June 2002.

The City of Hastings looks forward to negotiating with the Union Pacific Railroad in the future.

You may contact me at 402-461-2317 if you should have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard J. Sheehy".
Richard J. Sheehy
Mayor

RJS/gs

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