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By electronic mail

Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Case Control Unit, Suite 713
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: Docket No. AB-384 (Sub-No. 1X), *Delta Southern Railroad, Inc. -- Abandonment
Exemption -- Portion of the Lake Providence Line*

Dear Mr. Williams:

In behalf of Delta Southern Railroad, Inc. (DSR), owner of the rail line involved in the above proceeding, this is to request that the date for filing offers of financial assistance be extended from November 23, 2004 to November 30, 2004.

This request is predicated on the fact that DSR was unable to furnish an appraisal of the value of the land in the railroad right-of-way until today. That appraisal will not be received by Washington, DC counsel until Monday, November 15. In light of the intervening Thanksgiving Holiday, an extension to Tuesday, November 30, is warranted.

Very truly yours,

/s/
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