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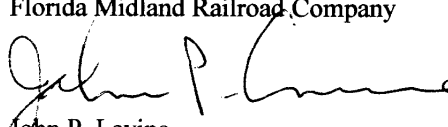
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Mercury Building
1925 K Street, NW
Washington, DC 20423

Subject: Docket No. AB-325 (Sub-No. 2X),
Florida Midland Railroad Company –
Abandonment Exemption – In Sumter
and Lake Counties, Florida

Dear Secretary,

By decision dated June 13, 2002, in the above captioned matter, the Board granted a notice of interim trail use allowing the parties until December 10, 2002 to reach an agreement. Additional extensions of time were granted until August 2, 2004 to allow for property purchase to occur. The City has completed its due diligence and is currently working to secure a closing date on the property in the next two months. This letter is intended as an official request for an extension of time to complete the acquisition. As such please allow the parties a two month extension or until October 2, 2004 to allow for property purchase to occur.

Sincerely,
Florida Midland Railroad Company


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