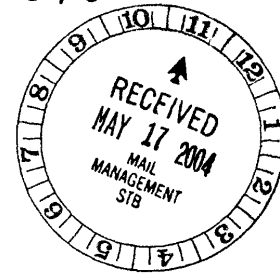


May 10, 2004

Mr. Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Mercury Building
1925 K Street, N.W.
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 Williams:

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 have been granted until June 2, 2004 to allow for property purchase to occur. The City has completed all acquisition due diligence requirements and is currently working to secure a closing date on the property in the next two months. The City hereby requests an additional six month time extension in order to conclude the acquisition of this property.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Ron Stock
City Manager

ENTERED
Office of Proceedings

MAY 17 2004

Part of
Public Record

cc: Robert Johnson, Deputy City Manager

John P. Levine, President, Pinsky Railroad Company, 53 Southampton Rd.
Westfield, MA 01085

Bruce McMahon, Regional Manager, CSX Real Property, 201 W. Bay Street, Suite 800,
Jacksonville, Florida 32202

Doug Hattaway, Trust for Public Land, 306 North Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32301-
7622



LEESBURG

Post Office Box 490630 • Leesburg, Florida 34749-0630
352/728-9700 • Fax 352/728-9734 • TDD 352/728-4138

- AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYER -