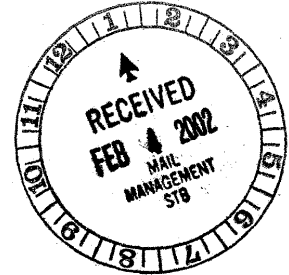


BALL JANIK LLP

ATTORNEYS

1455 F STREET, NW, SUITE 225
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20005

www.balljanik.com

TELEPHONE 202-638-3307
FACSIMILE 202-783-6947

KARL MORELL

ENTERED
Office of the Secretary

FEB 05 2002

Part of
Public Record

February 4, 2002

kmorell@bjllp.com

BY FACSIMILE AND FIRST CLASS MAIL

The Honorable Vernon Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W., Suite 715
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: STB Docket No. AB-471 (Sub-No. 4X), South Kansas and Oklahoma
Railroad Company - Abandonment Exemption -- In Crawford, Wilson,
Elk and Greenwood Counties, Kansas and Osage and Tulsa Counties,
Oklahoma

Dear Secretary Williams:

This is in response to the request dated January 3, 2002, by the City of Pittsburg (the "City"), for an extension of the interim trail use ("NITU"), under the National Trails System Act, 16 U.S.C. § 1247(d), imposed by the Surface Transportation Board ("Board") for the rail line located between milepost 359.0, at Pittsburg, KS, and milepost 365.0, at Cherokee, KS (the "Line").

South Kansas and Oklahoma Railroad Company ("SKO") hereby notifies the Board that SKO has not consummated the abandonment of the Line between milepost 359.0 and milepost 365.0 and is agreeable to the extension of the NITU as requested by the City.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please call me.

Sincerely,

Karl Morell

cc: City of Pittsburg, KS