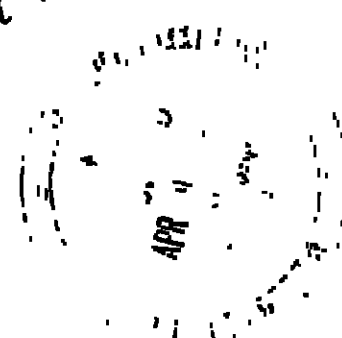




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Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street NW – Room 711
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RE STB Docket No. AB-314 (Sub-No 2X)
Chicago Central & Pacific Railroad – Abandonment – Linn County, Iowa

Dear Mr. Williams

On October 25, 2002, the Surface Transportation Board (STB) entered into a decision and served notice with respect to interim trail use/rail banking of the captioned abandonment, subject to public use trail, environmental and standard employee protective conditions. On December 29, 2006, the STB concurred with the City of Marion's request to extend the interim trail use/rail banking of the subject abandonment until March 31, 2007.

The city and the railroad have entered into a contract and have agreed the city is going to purchase the railroad property. However, this process will not be concluded by the March 31 timeline.

Accordingly, the City of Marion, Iowa, respectfully requests an additional time extension to June 30, 2007, regarding interim trail use/rail banking of the subject abandonment within the corporate limits of the City of Marion, Iowa. We have notified the railroad regarding this extension request and they have no objection.

Please feel free to contact City Manager Lon Pluckhahn at 319-743-6301 if you have any questions or need additional information regarding this request.

Sincerely,

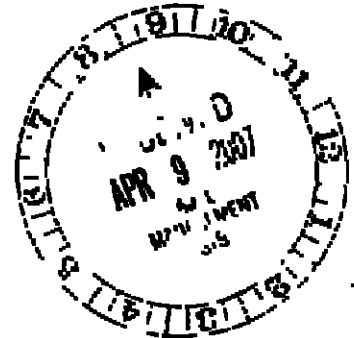
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March 22, 2007

~~cc~~ Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re STB Ex Parte No. 671

Dear Mr. Williams:

Mr. Alexander Kummant, the President and CEO of the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak), intends to participate in the "Rail Capacity and Infrastructure Requirements" public hearing to be held on April 11, 2007. Mr. Kummant requests 15 minutes. His testimony will address rail capacity as it affects intercity rail passenger service. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jared I. Roberts".
Jared I. Roberts
Senior Associate General Counsel