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The Honorable Vernon Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W., Suite 700
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: STB Docket No. AB-471 (Sub-No. 6X), South Kansas and
Oklahoma Railroad Company -- Abandonment Exemption -- In
Crawford County, Kansas

Dear Secretary Williams:

South Kansas and Oklahoma Railroad Company ("SKO") hereby requests an extension of the notice of 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 134.3 and milepost 134.7, in Pittsburg, Kansas (the "Line").

By decision served November 14, 2002, the Board issued the NITU in this proceeding at the request of the City of Pittsburg. The 180-day negotiation period is set to expire on May 14, 2003. SKO has not consummated the abandonment of the Line and is continuing to negotiate with the City of Pittsburg. Accordingly, SKO requests an 180-day extension of the NITU negotiation period.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: City of Pittsburg