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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 August 2, 2004 to allow for property purchase to occur. The City has completed all acquisition due diligence requirements and negotiations regarding a mitigation plan for areas with elevated arsenic concentrations are nearly complete. Upon resolution of the environmental issues a closing date on the property can be secured. 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

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