



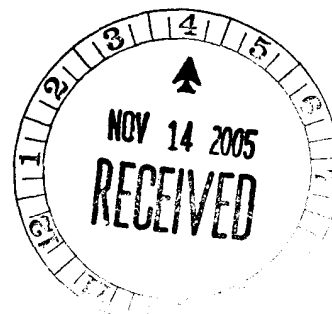
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SUBJECT: Docket No. AB-68 (Sub-No. 4X), *Lake Superior & Ishpeming Railroad Company – Abandonment Exemption – in Marquette County, MI*

Dear Secretary:

This letter is a request for a 30-day extension of time to continue and complete negotiations with the Lake Superior & Ishpeming Railroad Company in connection with the NITU decided by the Board on January 19, 2005. This Department and the railroad are continuing negotiations towards an agreement and expect to complete an agreement by December 15, 2005.

Sincerely,

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cc: Peter Ray, Lake Superior & Ishpeming Railroad  
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