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The Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, NW
Room 700
Washington, DC 20423-0001

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 an 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, to become effective February 18, 2005. This Department and the railroad are continuing negotiations towards an agreement and expect to complete an agreement by November 15, 2005.

If you have any questions or comments on this request, please feel free to contact me by e-mail at stormr@michigan.gov, or by telephone at the number provided below.

Sincerely,

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