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Via electronic mail

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Public Record

RE: Docket No. AB-565 (Sub-No. 1X), New York Central Lines, LLC-Abandonment Exemption-in Middlesex County, MA; Docket No. AB-55 (Sub No. 593X), CSX Transportation Inc.-Discontinuance of Service Exemption-in Middlesex County, MA

Dear Ms. Brown,

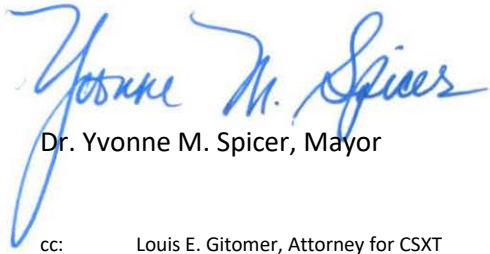
I am writing on behalf of the City of Framingham (formerly Town of Framingham), Massachusetts (the "City") to request an additional 365-day extension of the deadline for negotiations with CSX Transportation, Inc., as successor by merger to New York Central Lines, LLC ("CSXT"), regarding the Notice of Interim Trail Use (NITU) in the above captioned proceeding with respect to the 3.40 mile portion of line that extends from railroad milepost QBS 0.00 at Framingham to railroad milepost QBS 3.40 at the Framingham city line. Pursuant to the October 27, 2011 decision of the Surface Transportation Board, an agreement for interim trail use/rail banking was extended to December 1, 2019 (the "Negotiating Deadline").

CSXT and the City wish to continue to seek agreement on the acquisition price regarding the NITU and to negotiate a Purchase & Sale Agreement. An appraisal of the corridor was conducted in April of 2016. The Town of Sudbury and City of Framingham continue to coordinate to move forward in a collaborative manner and advance towards acquisition of the corridor. The two communities intend to undertake an updated appraisal in the coming months. The ultimate goal is the extension of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail (BFRT) along the CSXT corridor. The Trust for Public Lands has assisted the communities in this process.

The City respectfully requests an extension of the Negotiating Deadline for 365 days to December 1, 2020. CSX has acknowledged that it concurs with this request and will file a letter of concurrence once it receives a copy of this letter.

In addition, the City respectfully requests a waiver of the Board's filing fees in accordance with 49 CFR 1002.2(e)(1) as the City is a local government entity. The City is e-filing this letter. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Yvonne M. Spicer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "Y" and a long, sweeping underline.

Dr. Yvonne M. Spicer, Mayor

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