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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
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RE: **Docket No. AB-565 (Sub-No. 1X), New York Central Lines, LLC–
Abandonment Exemption—in Middlesex County, MA**

Dear Ms. Brown:

CSX Transportation, Inc. (“CSXT”), the successor by merger to New York Central Lines, LLC, agrees to the requests from: (1) The Town of Framingham filed on November 30, 2017, requesting an extension until December 1, 2018 to negotiate interim trail use/rail banking over a 3.40-mile portion of the line proposed for abandonment in the above-entitled proceeding between milepost QBS 0.00, at Framingham, MA, and milepost QBS 3.40, at the town line of Framingham; and (2) The Town of Sudbury filed on November 29, 2017, requesting an extension until December 1, 2018 to negotiate interim trail use/rail banking over a 1.40-mile portion of the line proposed for abandonment in the above-entitled proceeding between milepost QBS 3.40, at the town line of Framingham, and milepost QBS 4.80 (collectively, the “Line”). CSXT has not consummated the abandonment of the Line.

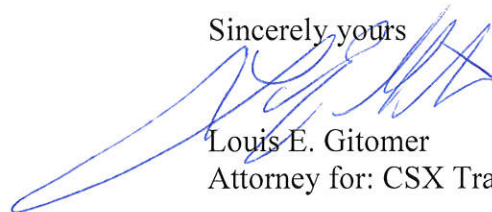
CSXT agrees to the requested extension of the interim trails use/rail banking negotiation period on the Line until December 1, 2018.

As provided in 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29(e)(2), the extension of the trail negotiation period until December 1, 2018, creates a regulatory barrier to consummation of the abandonment, which provides CSXT with an additional 60 days to consummate the abandonment to January 1, 2019, if trail negotiation is unsuccessful. CSXT respectfully request that the Board confirm that the extension of the consummation period as provided in the regulations applies in this instance.

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This letter is being efiled. Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions please call or email me.

Sincerely yours

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Louis E. Gitomer', is written over the typed name and title.

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