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Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
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**RE: STB Docket No. AB-565 (Sub-No. 7X)
New York Central Lines, LLC - Abandonment
STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 605X)
CSX Transportation, Inc. - Discontinuance of Service
Exemption in Suffolk County, Massachusetts**

Dear Mr. Williams:

This letter is in response to the formal April 9, 2002 request of the City of Chelsea (the "City") in the above captioned matter. Specifically, the City requested that the Board place a public use condition on the abandonment for purposes of negotiating either a transit route or a notice of interim trail use. CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT") on its own behalf and that of New York Central Lines, LLC ("NYC") has already engaged in preliminary discussions with the City. As such, CSXT and NYC are willing to negotiate with the City in accordance with the Board's formal procedures.

Please feel free to contact my office if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

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