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October 17, 2002

Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Mercury Building
1925 K. Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423

Re: STB Docket No. AB-565 (Sub-No. 7X)
New York Central Lines, LLC - Abandonment
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CSX Transportation, Inc.- Discontinuance of Service
Exemption in Suffolk County, Massachusetts

Sear Secretary Williams:

Please be advised that the City of Boston supports the attached request made by CSX Transportation dated October 10, 2002 for an extension of the negotiating period for the referenced action by six months through April 28, 2003.

The City of Boston is working with CSX Transportation, the City of Chelsea and various state agencies to insure that the CSX right-of-way is preserved so that both of two alternative transportation projects that are very important to Boston and the Boston region can utilize the railroad right-of-way. On the Boston portion, an a truck Haul Road from Boston's Logan International Airport to the Boston/Chelsea line would be integrated with a high speed bus corridor comprising a segment of the Urban Ring, a new public transit corridor encircling downtown Boston and located within six municipalities.

We urge you to approve the six-month extension. Any questions you may have on this matter may be directed to Jim Gillooly, Deputy Commissioner at 617-635-3843. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

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Sincerely,

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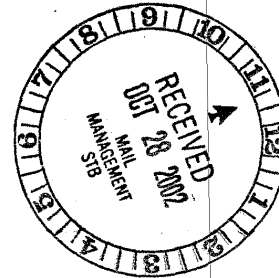
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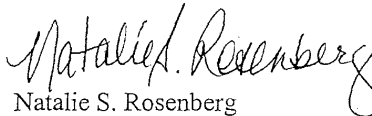
RE: STB Docket No. AB-565 (Sub-No. 7X)
New York Central Lines, LLC - Abandonment
STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 605X)
CSX Transportation, Inc. - Discontinuance of Service
Exemption in Suffolk County, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Williams:

This letter is regarding the decision served on April 29, 2002 in the above captioned matter. In that decision, the Board required New York Central Lines, LLC ("NYC") to keep the right-of-way intact until October 27, 2002, for trail negotiation purposes. Over the course of the past several months, NYC has been negotiating with the City of Chelsea (the "City"). In that NYC and the City have been unable to reach a final agreement on the trail issue, NYC respectfully requests an extension of the negotiating period until April 28, 2003. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

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

Very truly yours,


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