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Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
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Washington, D. C. 20423



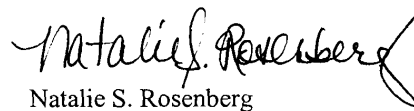
**Re: Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 614X)
CSX Transportation, Inc. – Abandonment
Richmond County, Georgia**

Dear Mr. Williams:

By decision served on July 16, 2002 in the above-captioned matter, the Board granted the request filed on behalf of Augusta-Richmond County ("County") for the issuance of a trail use condition in the above captioned matter. The Board set a deadline of January 12, 2003 for those trail negotiations. This letter is intended as an official request for an extension of that deadline to allow the parties additional time to negotiate for trail purposes. Specifically, CSX Transportation, Inc. requests that the Board allow the parties until July 11, 2003 to complete negotiations. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Please feel free to contact my office if you have any questions or concerns about this matter.

Very truly yours,


Natalie S. Rosenberg

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cc: Mr. George R. Kolb
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