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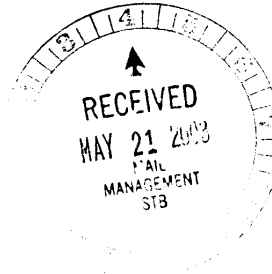
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Honorable Vernon A. Williams
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1925 K Street, N.W.
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Re: Docket No. AB-No. 596; *New York City Economic Development Corporation, Acting On Behalf Of The City Of New York, New York - - Adverse Abandonment Of Rail Line And Facilities Operated By The New York Cross Harbor Railroad, Inc. In Brooklyn, New York*

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing an original and ten (10) copies of the Petition of the New York City Economic Development Corporation, Acting on Behalf of the City of New York, New York For an Extension of Time in the above referenced matter. An extra copy is enclosed for date stamp and return to our messenger. In addition, we are enclosing a 3.5-inch diskette with this document.

Sincerely,

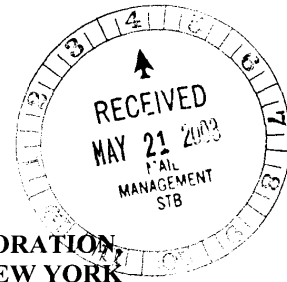
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**BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

DOCKET NO. AB-No. 596

**NEW YORK CITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION,
ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, NEW YORK
ADVERSE ABANDONMENT OF RAIL LINE AND FACILITIES OPERATED
BY THE NEW YORK CROSS HARBOR RAILROAD, INC.
IN BROOKLYN, NEW YORK**



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**PETITION OF
THE NEW YORK CITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, NEW YORK
FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME**

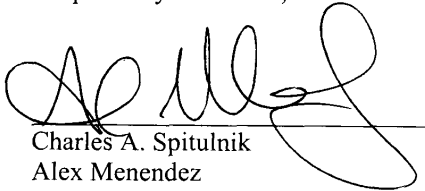
The New York City Economic Development Corporation ("EDC"), acting on behalf of the City of New York, New York (the "City") hereby petitions this Board for an extension of the time for filing a reply to the Petition of the New York Cross Harbor Railroad for Stay Pending Judicial Review ("NYCH Stay Petition"). The NYCH Stay Petition was filed on Friday, May 16, 2003. According to the Board's rules any replies thereto are due today, May 21, 2003. EDC hereby requests an extension of two days through and including Friday, May 23, 2003, for filing its response.

No party will be prejudiced by granting the requested extension. The Decision that is the subject of the NYCH Stay Petition was served in this proceeding on May 12, 2003. By its terms, that decision does not become effective until June 11, 2003. As a result, neither EDC nor the City can take any action pursuant to the May 12 decision for several weeks.

Moreover, good cause exists for granting this Petition. NYCH filed its Stay Petition late on a Friday afternoon, leaving only three (3) business days for preparation of a response. The press of other pre-existing deadlines and other obligations, coupled with the absence of one of counsel for EDC due to illness of a family member, has prevented counsel from finalizing a reply within the brief five (5) days allowed by 49 C.F.R. §1115.5(a).

In view of the absence of prejudice to the interests of any party, and of the good cause shown by counsel for EDC, EDC respectfully requests that this Board grant its request for an extension of the time for filing a reply to the NYCH Stay Petition for two (2) days, through and including Friday, May 23, 2003.

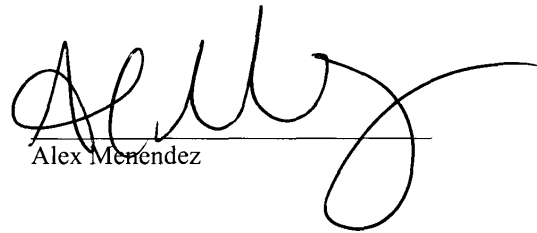
Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles A. Spitulnik", written over a horizontal line.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have this 21st day of May 2003, served copies of the Petition of the New York City Economic Development Corporation, Acting on Behalf of the City of New York, New York For an Extension of Time to be served by hand delivery and first class mail, postage prepaid upon all Parties of Record.



Alex Menendez