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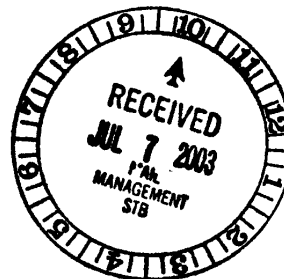
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Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Mercury Building
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423



Re: Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 621X)
CSX Transportation, Inc. – Abandonment
Marion County, Indiana

Dear Mr. Williams:

By decision served on February 28, 2003, the Board granted the request of CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT") for an extension of the trail negotiating period in the above captioned proceeding. Currently the parties have until September 2, 2003 to finalize negotiations. In that CSXT and the Indiana Trails Fund, Inc. have been unable to finalize a trail agreement, CSXT hereby requests an extension of the trail negotiating period. CSXT requests that the parties be permitted to continue negotiations until March 2, 2004. Thank you in advance 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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cc: Mr. Richard C. Vonnegut
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