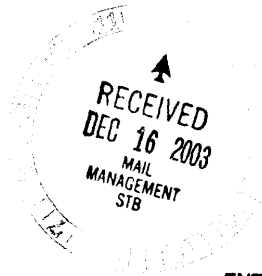


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RE: Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 612X)
CSX Transportation Board
Abandonment in Greenville County, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Williams:

The City of Greenville and CSX are still in negotiations for the proposed abandoned rail line referenced above. We are now developing a Phase II environmental assessment, using funds from a federal Brownsfield Grant, which will require some additional time to complete. The current trail use/rail banking expires January 6, 2004.

For reasons stated above, the City respectfully requests and CSX agrees to a 180-day extension from January 6, 2004. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 864-467-4420.

Sincerely,

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Assistant City Attorney

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