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

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Re: New York Central Lines LLC – Abandonment
Docket No. AB-565 (Sub-No. 11X)
CSX Transportation, Inc.-Discontinuance of Service
Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 617X)
In Lake County, Ohio

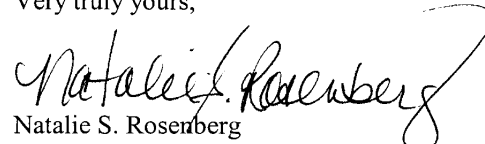
Dear Mr. Williams:

New York Central Lines LLC, ("NYC") and CSX Transportation, Inc. (collectively "CSXT"), respectfully request an extension of the consummation date in the above captioned matter. By decision served on January 31, 2003, the Board required NYC to file a notice of consummation in this matter by January 31, 2004. CSXT requests that the deadline for consummation be extended until July 30, 2004 in the above captioned matter.

Additionally, CSXT understands that Lake Metroparks has a continuing interest in trail negotiations. Although the trail negotiating period previously expired in this matter, CSXT hereby requests that the Board impose an additional six months for negotiations.

Thank you for your attention to these matters and please feel free to contact my office if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,


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