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Vernon Williams, Secretary
CSX Transportation
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, NW, Room 711
Washington, DC 20423



RE: **Knox County Request for Interim Trail Use**
Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 638X)
Mount Vernon to Fredericktown, Knox County, Ohio

Dear Mr. Williams:

Our office represents the Knox County Commissioners.

On October 29, 2003, a "Decision and Notice of Interim Trial Use for Abandonment" was issued in conjunction with the above-referenced case. According to the terms of the STB's Order, a deadline of April 30, 2004 was established for negotiating a sale of the rail corridor in question.

At the present time, the Knox County Commissioners and CSX are engaged in negotiations pertaining to the potential purchase of the corridor. Unfortunately, the parties do not believe that a deal will be finalized by the current deadline.

Accordingly, this letter is being sent to you on behalf of both CSX and the Knox County Commissioners, and a mutual request for an extension until July 1, 2004 is being requested. I am enclosing a Motion under cover of this letter memorializing the request of the parties.

If you would not mind doing so, please be kind enough to forward to me a time-stamped copy of our Motion for my records. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Christopher C. Russell

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Enclosure

cc: Ken Carpenter, CSX
Commissioner Robert Wise, Knox County Commissioners

UNITED STATES
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD



CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC.

- ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION :
IN KNOX COUNTY, OH :

STB DOCKET NO. AB-659
(SUB NO. 638X)

**JOINT MOTION OF CSX AND KNOX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO NEGOTIATE SALE OF CORRIDOR**

The Knox County Commissioners and CSX Transportation hereby move the Service Transportation Board for an extension of time until July 1, 2004 in which to negotiate the sale of the rail corridor that is the subject of the instant proceeding. The bases of this Motion are set forth in the accompanying Memorandum in Support.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christopher C. Russell".

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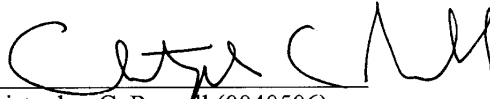
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MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

On October 29, 2003, a Decision was issued granting CSX Transportation until April 30, 2004 in which to negotiate a sale of the rail corridor that is the subject of this proceeding. At the present time CSX and the Knox County Commissioners are actively engaged in negotiations. Unfortunately, the parties do not believe that their negotiations will be completed by the currently established deadline. Accordingly, the mutual request on behalf of CSX and the Knox County Commissioners is being made to extend the deadline to July 1, 2004. No prior requests for extensions have been made.

Respectfully submitted,



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