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Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20423

**RE: STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 614X)
CSX Transportation, Inc. – Abandonment
Exemption in Richmond County, Georgia**

Dear Mr. Williams:

CSXT has been negotiating for trail use in the above-captioned matter. CSXT respectfully requests that the Board extend the NITU negotiating period until December 31, 2004 to allow the parties to complete these negotiations.

Enclosed is a check for the filing fee of \$300.00. Thank you for your consideration of this matter. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jonathan C. Gold

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