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RE: Docket No. 565 (Sub-No. 11X), *New York Central Lines, LLC* - 211476
Abandonment Exemption-in Lake County, OH
~~Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 617X), CSX Transportation, Inc.-Discontinuance of~~
~~Service Exemption-in Lake County, OH~~

Dear Secretary Williams:

New York Central Lines, LLC and CSX Transportation, Inc. (jointly referred to as "petitioners") respectfully request a three month extension of the date to consummate the abandonment and discontinuance of service from July 30, 2004 to October 30, 2004. Petitioners are engaged in negotiations to lease the 2.56-mile line between Painesville and Grand River, OH to the Ohio Rail Development Corporation and seek to retain their abandonment and discontinuance options if the lease negotiations are unsuccessful.

Enclosed are the original and 10 copies of this letter. Please time and date stamp the additional copy of this letter and return it with our messenger. Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions please call or email me.

Sincerely yours

Louis E. Gitomer

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