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RE: Docket No. AB-167 (Sub-No. 1161X), *Consolidated Rail Corporation—
Abandonment Exemption—in Vermilion and Champaign Counties, IL*

Dear Secretary Williams:

The Champaign County Design and Conservation Foundation (the "CCDC") requested a notice of interim trail use/rail banking for approximately 24.50 miles of railroad known as the Pekin Secondary Track from approximately milepost 4.00 to approximately milepost 28.50, in Vermilion and Champaign Counties, IL in the above-entitled proceeding. The current extension of the negotiating period is scheduled to expire on July 30, 2004. Because CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT"), the successor-in-interest to Consolidated Rail Corporation, has been unable to finalize negotiations with CCDC, CSXT respectfully requests a six month extension of time to January 30, 2005 to negotiate trail use with CCDC. Additionally, CSXT respectfully requests a six month extension of the date to consummate the abandonment from July 30, 2004 to January 30, 2005.

Enclosed are the original and 10 copies of this letter, and a filing fee of \$300. 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

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cc: Mr. Thomas