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RE: Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 6455X), *CSX Transportation, Inc.—
Abandonment Exemption—in Floyd County, KY*

Dear Secretary Williams:

The Middle Creek National Battlefield Foundation (Middle Creek) requested a notice of interim trail use/rail banking for approximately 9.1 miles of railroad between milepost COQ-1.0 at McNalley and milepost COQ-10.1 near East David, in Floyd County, KY in the above-entitled proceeding. The current extension of the negotiating period expires on September 6, 2004. CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT") has been unable to finalize negotiations with Middle Creek and desires to continue to negotiate for interim trail use/rail banking with Middle Creek. CSXT respectfully requests the Board to grant a six month extension of time to March 6, 2005 to negotiate trail use with Middle Creek. Additionally, CSXT respectfully requests an extension of the date to consummate the abandonment to April 5, 2005.

Enclosed are the original and 10 copies of this letter, and a filing fee of \$300. Please time and date stamp a 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
Attorney for: CSX Transportation, Inc.

cc: Mr. Fitzpatrick