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RE: Docket No. 565 (Sub-No. 11X), *New York Central Lines, LLC—
Abandonment Exemption—in Lake County, OH*
Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 617X), *CSX Transportation, Inc.—Discontinuance of
Service Exemption—in Lake County, OH* > 212325

Dear Secretary Williams:

CSX Transportation, Inc. for itself and as successor by merger to New York Central Lines, LLC ("CSXT") respectfully requests a 60-day extension of the date to consummate the abandonment and discontinuance of service from October 30, 2004 to December 29, 2004. CSXT is engaged in negotiations to lease the 2.56-mile line between Painesville and Grand River, OH to the Ohio Rail Development Corporation and seeks to retain its 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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