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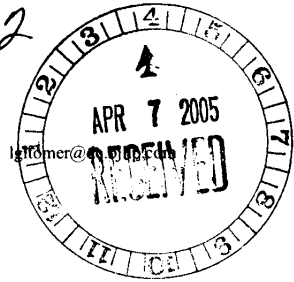
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RE: Docket No. AB-565 (Sub-No. 1X), *New York Central Lines, LLC—
Abandonment Exemption—in Middlesex County, MA*
~~Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 593X), *CSX Transportation, Inc.—Discontinuance
of Service Exemption—in Middlesex County, MA*~~

Dear Secretary Williams:

The Town of Sudbury ("Sudbury") requested a notice of interim trail use/rail banking for approximately a 1.4-mile portion of the line that extends north from the Framingham town line to the intersection of the former Penn Central Transportation Company, in Middlesex County, MA, in the above-entitled proceeding. The current extension of the negotiating period expires on April 7, 2005. CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT") as successor by merger to New York Central Lines, LLC, and on its own behalf, has not consummated the abandonment, has been unable to finalize negotiations with Sudbury, and desires to continue to negotiate for interim trail use/rail banking with Sudbury. Therefore, CSXT respectfully requests the Board to grant a 180-day extension of time to October 4, 2005 to negotiate trail use with Sudbury. Additionally, CSXT respectfully requests an extension of the date to consummate the abandonment to December 4, 2005.

Enclosed are the original and 10 copies of this letter, and a filing fee of \$350. 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.

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Sincerely yours,

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