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Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Mercury Building
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423

RE: STB Docket No. AB-254(Sub-No. 7X)
Providence and Worcester Railroad Company ("P&W") – Abandonment
In Worcester County, MA and Windham County, CT

Dear Secretary Williams:

This letter is a request for an extension of time to continue and complete negotiations with the Providence and Worcester Railroad Company in connection with the NITU issued by the Board in its decision served on January 26, 2005. The parties are continuing to negotiate, however they need additional time and the State of Connecticut hereby requests an extension for three (3) months until October 26, 2005.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned if you have any questions or need any further information.

Respectfully yours,

State of Connecticut
Department of Environmental Protection

By:

David K. Leff
Deputy Commissioner

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