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Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W., Room 700
Washington, D. C. 20423

RE: Docket No. AB-565 (Sub-No. 17X), *New York Central Lines, LLC--
Abandonment Exemption--in Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, NY*
Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 652X), *CSX Transportation, Inc. --Discontinuance
Exemption--in Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, NY*
Docket No. AB-873X, *New York and Eastern Railway, LLC --Discontinuance
Exemption--in Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, NY*

Dear Secretary Williams:

Dutchess County, NY (the "County") requested a notice of interim trail use/rail banking for approximately 4.7-mile rail line between milepost QCO 0.0 and milepost QCO 3.2 and between milepost QCK 29.5 and milepost QCK 31.0 in the City and Town of Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, NY in the above-entitled proceeding. The current negotiating period expired on October 10, 2005. Even though the previous extension has expired, CSX Transportation, Inc., as successor by merger to New York Central Lines, LLC ("CSXT") has not consummated the abandonment, has been unable to finalize negotiations with the County, and desires to continue to negotiate for interim trail use/rail banking with the County. CSXT respectfully requests the Board to reinstate and grant a 180-day extension of time to April 8, 2006 to negotiate trail use with the County. Additionally, CSXT respectfully requests an extension of the date to consummate the abandonment to June 7, 2006.

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.

Sincerely yours,

Louis E. Gitomer

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cc: William R. Steinhaus, County Executive