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Mr. Vernon Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, NW
Washington, DC 20423

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RE: **Knox County Request for Interim Trail Use**
Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 638X)
Mount Vernon to Fredericktown, Knox County, Ohio

Dear Mr. Williams:

As you know, our office represents the Knox County Commissioners.

At the present time, the Knox County Commissioners and CSX are engaged in negotiations pertaining to the potential purchase of the corridor. While progress is being made, additional time is needed. Accordingly, this letter is being sent to you on behalf of both CSX and the Knox County Commissioners, and a mutual request for an extension of 180 days is being requested.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Very truly yours,

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Christopher C. Russell

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Enclosure

cc: Mark Friedlin, Regional Manger, CSX Real Property
Commissioner Robert Wise, Knox County Commissioners

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IN KNOX COUNTY, OH

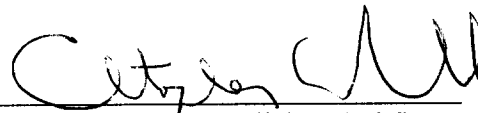
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**JOINT MOTION OF CSX AND KNOX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO NEGOTIATE SALE OF CORRIDOR**

The Knox County Commissioners and CSX Transportation hereby move the Service Transportation Board for an extension of time for 180 days in which to negotiate the sale of the rail corridor that is the subject of the instant proceeding. The bases of this Motion are set forth in the accompanying Memorandum in Support.

Respectfully submitted,



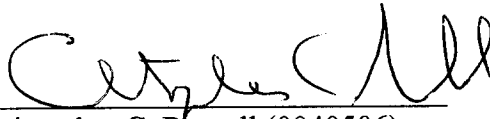
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MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

On October 29, 2003, a Decision was issued granting CSX Transportation until April 30, 2004 in which to negotiate a sale of the rail corridor that is the subject of this proceeding. This date was subsequently extended on several instances. At the present time CSX and the Knox County Commissioners are actively engaged in negotiations. Unfortunately, the negotiations will not be completed by the currently established deadline. Accordingly, this mutual request on behalf of CSX and the Knox County Commissioners is being made to extend the deadline for 180 days.

Respectfully submitted,

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