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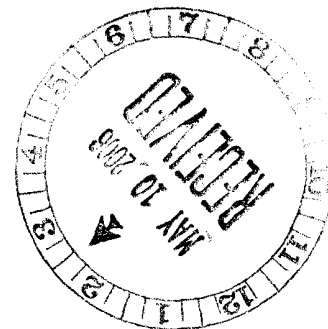
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Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Washington, DC 20423

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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:

CSX Transportation, Inc., successor by merger to the New York Central Lines, LLC (“CSXT”) is submitting this letter to respond to two questions that it was asked by the staff of the Surface Transportation Board (the “Board”).

CSXT respectfully requests the Board to extend the trail use negotiation deadline and to extend the abandonment consummation deadline for the entire line in the above-entitled proceeding.

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 expired on April 2, 2006. CSXT has not consummated the abandonment, has been unable to finalize negotiations with Sudbury, and desires to continue to negotiate trail use/rail banking with Sudbury. Therefore, CSXT respectfully requests the Board to grant a 180-day extension of time to September 29, 2006 to negotiate trail use with Sudbury.

Additionally, CSXT respectfully requests an extension of the date to consummate the abandonment of the entire 4.80-mile line (as explained in the letter of April 28, 2006) to November 28, 2006.

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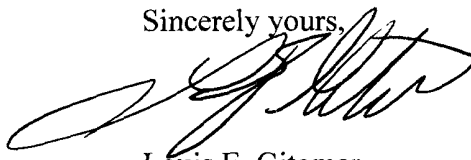
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Enclosed are the original and 10 copies of this letter, and a filing fee of \$350. Please time and date stamp the additional copy of this letter and return it with our messenger. Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, please call or email me.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Gitomer", with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the left.

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Attorney for CSX Transportation, Inc.

cc: Ms. Valente
Mr. Taberner