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VIA FACSIMILE (202-565-9002) and
CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Mercury Building
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Washington, DC 02423

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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 P&W in connection with the NITU issued by the Board in its decision served on January 26, 2005, (a) its Decision dated August 2, 2005, extending the negotiating period under the NITU to October 26, 2005, and (b) its Decision dated October 24 2005 extending the negotiating period under the NITU to April 26, 2006.

The parties are continuing to negotiate, however, they need additional time and the State of Connecticut hereby requests an extension of six (6) months, effective April 26, 2006 to October 26, 2006.

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

Yours truly,

State of Connecticut
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