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Via Overnight DHL Express Mail (Return Receipt Requested)

Honorable Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Room 700
Washington, DC 20006



**Re: STB Docket No. AB-565 (Sub-No. 17X), New York Central Lines, LLC –
Abandonment Exemption – in Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, NY**

Dear Secretary Williams:

Dutchess County, New York (the “County”) requested a notice of interim trail use/rail banking for approximately 4.7 miles of railroad 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, New York in the above-entitled proceeding. The current extension of the negotiating period expires on October 5, 2006. CSX Transportation, Inc. (“CSXT”), as successor by merger to New York Central Lines, LLC, 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 grant a 180-day extension of time to April 3, 2007 to negotiate trail use with the County. Additionally, CSXT respectfully requests an extension of the date to consummate the abandonment to June 2, 2007.

Enclosed please find the original and 10 copies of this letter, and a filing fee of \$350.00. Please time and date stamp a copy of this letter and return it with the enclosed self-addressed and stamped letter.

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Thank you for your assistance and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Armbrust', written in a cursive style.

Steven C. Armbrust

cc: Parties of Record