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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.

Washington, DC 20006

**Re: STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 656X)
CSX Transportation, Inc. -- Abandonment
Exemption in Marion County, West Virginia**



Dear Secretary Williams:

The Marion County Commission (the "County") requested a notice of interim trail use/rail banking for approximately 17.51 miles of railroad on its Southern Region, Huntington Division East, Fairmont Subdivision, between Barrackville, milepost BS-306.32 and Mannington, milepost BS-319.48, including the Dents Run Spur between milepost BSB 0.00 and milepost BSB 4.35, in Marion County, West Virginia in the above-captioned proceeding. The current extension of the negotiating period expires on October 3, 2006. However, CSX Transportation, Inc. ("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 grant a 180-day extension of time from the above-mention expiration date to April 1, 2007 to negotiate trail use with the County. Additionally, CSXT respectfully requests an extension of the date to consummate the abandonment to May 31, 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.

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

Sincerely,

Steven C. Armbrust

cc: Parties of Record