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Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
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RE: Docket No. AB-565 (Sub-No. 1X), *New York Central Lines, LLC—
Abandonment Exemption—in Middlesex County, MA*

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Dear Secretary Williams:

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TRANSPORTATION BOARD

By decision served on October 12, 2001, the Surface Transportation Board (the "Board") granted a petition for exemption for New York Central Lines, LLC ("NYC") and CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT") to abandon and discontinue service, respectively, over a 4.80-mile portion of a line of railroad known as the Albany Division, Fitchburg Subdivision, between milepost QBS 0.00 at Framingham and milepost QBS 4.80 at South Sudbury, in Middlesex County, MA (the "Line"). In a decision served on May 26, 2006, the Board extended the consummation date for the abandonment to November 28, 2006 and extended the period for the Town of Sudbury ("Sudbury") to negotiate for interim trail use/rail banking for the 1.4-mile portion of the line that extends north from the Framingham town line, milepost QBS 3.40, to the intersection of the former Penn Central Transportation Company line, milepost QBS 4.80, until September 29, 2006 (the "Sudbury Line") with CSXT, successor by merger to NYC.

On October 23, 2006, the Town of Framingham ("Framingham"), filed a letter with the Board seeking to negotiate interim trail use/rail banking pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 1247(d) for a 3.4-mile portion of the line from Framingham, milepost QBS 0.00, to the Framingham town line, milepost QBS 3.40 (the "Framingham Line").

CSXT has not consummated the abandonment and agrees to negotiate interim trail use/rail banking with Framingham for the Framingham Line.

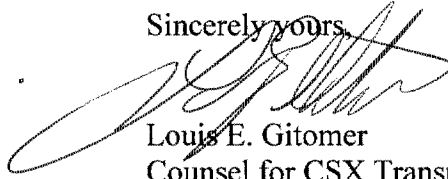
With regard to the Sudbury Line, CSXT has not consummated the abandonment, has been unable to finalize negotiations with Sudbury, and desires to continue to negotiate for interim trail use/rail banking with Sudbury.

Therefore, CSXT respectfully requests the Board to (1) reinstate and grant a 180-day extension of time from the date of this letter to May 24, 2007 to negotiate trail use/rail banking with Sudbury for the Sudbury Line, and (2) grant a 180-day period of time from the date of this letter to May 24, 2007 for CSXT and Framingham to negotiate trail use/rail banking for the Framingham Line. Additionally, CSXT respectfully requests an extension of the date to consummate the abandonment to July 23, 2007 for the Line.

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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 "Louis E. Gitomer", written over the typed name.

Louis E. Gitomer
Counsel for CSX Transportation, Inc.

cc: Parties of Record