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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20423

RE: Docket No. AB-167 (Sub-No. 1179X)
Consolidated Rail Corporation
Discontinuance Exemption in Suffolk County, MA

Dear Secretary Williams:

On July 31, 1997, Conrail filed a petition seeking an exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502 from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10903 to discontinue service for approximately three years over 2,635 feet of Boston Terminal Running Track ("Track 61"). The purpose of the temporary discontinuance was to allow for certain construction by the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority in connection with the South Boston Interchange portion of the Central Artery/Tunnel project. By decision served on November 17, 1997, the Board exempted the proposed discontinuance period that was granted and expired on December 31, 2003. On each of December 15, 2003, December 21, 2004, and January 10, 2006, CSXT requested and the Board approved an additional extension of the expiration date of the exemption. The most recent expiration date is December 31, 2006.

As of the date of this letter, the construction on the Central Artery/Tunnel project is incomplete. As such CSXT must request a further extension, effective as of January 1, 2007, until December 31, 2007, in order to allow for the completion of the construction. CSXT is agreeable to this extension as a result of an agreement between CSXT and the Turnpike Authority. In the event that the Turnpike Authority fails to abide by the terms of the agreement, however, CSXT reserves the right to request a termination of this further extension.

Please contact me via phone or email if you have any questions. Thank you for your assistance.

CSXT is e-filing this letter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Armbrust', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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