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Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: *Chesapeake Railroad Company – Modified Rail Certificate*
Finance Docket No 32609

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing the Motion of the Maryland Transit Administration for Further Extension of Period for Negotiation of Trail Use Agreement in the above referenced proceeding

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


Allison I. Fultz

Enclosures

cc. All Parties of Record

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MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION
FOR FURTHER EXTENSION OF PERIOD FOR NEGOTIATION OF
TRAIL USE AGREEMENT**

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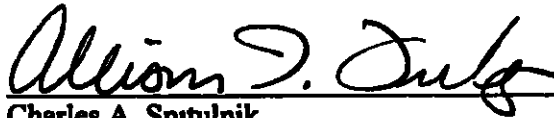
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The Maryland Transit Administration ("MTA"), pursuant to 49 U.S.C. §1104.7(b) hereby submits this Motion for a further extension of the 180-day time period for completion of a Trail Use Agreement in this proceeding. According to the order issued in this proceeding on July 5, 2007, the period for negotiating an agreement was extended to January 1, 2008. The MTA is requesting an additional ninety (90) days to complete the required agreement in this proceeding.

MTA has continued its negotiation of an agreement with the Maryland Department of Transportation ("MDOT") for MDOT to assume the responsibility of trail user with respect to this property. MDOT has executed the Statement of Willingness to Assume Financial Responsibility that is required by 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29. That statement was previously submitted to this Board on June 28, 2006. MDOT has indicated that it expects to execute the Trail Use Agreement in the first quarter of 2008, and has authorized MTA to state that it concurs with this request for an extension.

WHEREFORE, and in view of the foregoing, MTA respectfully requests the Board to extend the time for completion of Trail Use Agreement in this proceeding for an additional 90 days.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Allison I. Fultz", is written over a horizontal line.

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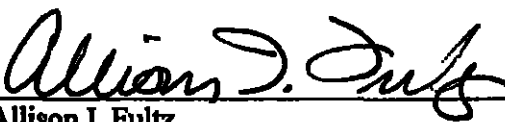
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day caused to be served a copy of the foregoing MOTION OF THE MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION FOR FURTHER EXTENSION OF PERIOD FOR NEGOTIATION OF TRAIL USE AGREEMENT, upon the following parties of record in this proceeding by first class mail with postage prepaid and properly addressed:

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