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Hon. Anne K. Quinlan
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20024

RE: Docket No. AB-565 (Sub-No. 1X), *New York Central Lines, LLC—Abandonment Exemption—in Middlesex County, MA*

Dear Acting Secretary Quinlan:

Reference is made to the letter, dated November 20, 2008 (and filed with the Board on November 21, 2008), from Maureen G. Valente, Town Manager, on behalf of the Town of Sudbury ("Sudbury"), requesting an extension of the NITU negotiating deadline for a portion of the 1.4-mile portion of line (the "Sudbury Line") in the above captioned matter that extends north from the Framingham town line at MP QBS 3.40 to the intersection of the former Penn Central Transportation Company line at MP QBS 4.80¹ (the "Sudbury Extension Request"). (The entire line in the above captioned matter consists of a 4.80-mile portion of a line of railroad known as the Albany Division, Fitchburg Subdivision, extending from milepost QBS 0.00 at Framingham to milepost QBS 4.80 at South Sudbury, in Middlesex County, MA (the "Line").)

Reference is also made to the letter, dated December 15, 2008 (and filed with the Board on January 7, 2009), from Jason A. Smith, Chairman, on behalf of the Town of Framingham ("Framingham"), requesting an extension of the NITU negotiating deadline for the 3.4-mile portion of the line (the "Framingham Line") in the above captioned matter that extends from milepost QBS 0.00 at Framingham to milepost QBS 3.40 at the Framingham town line (the "Framingham Extension Request").

CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT"), as successor by merger to New York Central Lines, LLC, acknowledges the Sudbury Extension Request and the Framingham Extension Request (collectively, the "NITU Extension Requests") and wishes to continue the negotiations for an NITU with respect to the Sudbury Line and the Framingham Line for the reasons described in each of the NITU Extension Requests. Therefore, CSXT concurs in the requests for an extension of the negotiating deadline to May 13, 2009 and

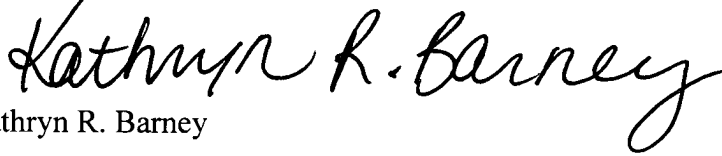
¹ Sudbury inadvertently described the end point of the Sudbury Line at "MP QBS 4.90".

also requests an extension of the consummation deadline for abandonment of the Line to July 12, 2009.²

Accordingly, CSXT respectfully requests that the Board grant the NITU Extension Requests.³

CSXT is e-filing this notice. Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions please call or email me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathryn R. Barney". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kathryn R. Barney

cc: Parties of Record

² The most recent extension for negotiating trail use for the Line expired on November 14, 2008 (the "Negotiating Deadline") and the current consummation deadline for consummating the abandonment is January 13, 2009.

³ As the Board noted in its Decision in this proceeding on December 11, 2006, "[in the event a] carrier has not consummated an abandonment at the end of the previously imposed negotiating period and has indicated its willingness to continue negotiations, the Board retains jurisdiction and the NITU negotiating period may be extended." *See* STB Docket AB-565 (Sub-No. 1X), December 11, 2006 (citing *Birt v. STB*, 90 F.3d 580, 588-90 (D.C. Cir. 1996); *Grantwood Village v. Missouri Pac. R.R. Co.*, 95 F.3d 654, 659 (8th Cir. 1996)).