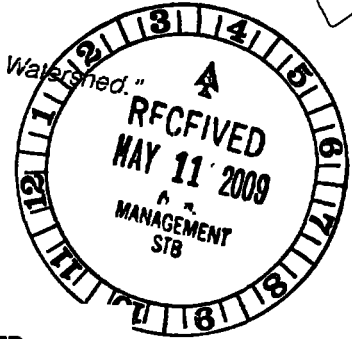


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May 11, 2008

Acting Secretary Anne Quinlan

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Re: STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 625X), CSXT- Abandonment Exemption – in Preston County, WV

Dear Acting Secretary Quinlan:

Friends of the Cheat, Inc. requests a 180 day extension, or until Nov. 7, 2009, of NITU status on a CSX corridor referred to as from Rowlesburg to Camp Dawson, beginning at BAJ 0.0 to ending point BAJ 9.78 both in Preston County. This follows current extension of NITU dated Nov. 10, 2008 and expiring May 11, 2009.

CSX Transportation, Inc. continues to express willingness to negotiate a sale of the above listed property and NITU status will facilitate this process. Friends of the Cheat has had recent success in building a private/public funding partnership with a local industry that will make up required matching funds for a soon to be submitted Transportation Enhancement Grant proposal. CSXT has authorized FOC to file this request for extension and will file a letter of concurrence. Therefore, Friends of the Cheat respectfully request the NITU negotiation period be extended as set forth in the Extension Request.

Enclosed is filing fee of \$450.00. If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 304-329-3621 or email at kpitzer@cheat.org

Sincerely,

Keith Pitzer
Director

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cc: Bruce McMahon, CSX Real Property

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