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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
Chief of the Section of Administration, Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D. C. 20423

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

Dear Ms. Brown:

CSX Transportation, Inc. (“CSXT”), the successor by merger to New York Central Lines, LLC, agrees to the request from The Town of Framingham filed on December 5, 2016, requesting an extension until December 1, 2017 to negotiate interim trail use/rail banking over a 3.40-mile portion of the line proposed for abandonment in the above-entitled proceeding between milepost QBS 0.00, at Framingham, MA, and milepost QBS 3.40, at the town line of Framingham. CSXT has not consummated the abandonment.

CSXT respectfully requests the Surface Transportation Board to grant Framingham’s extension request for the 3.40-mile line between milepost QBS 0.00 and milepost QBS 3.40 and allow the period for negotiations to run until December 1, 2017. CSXT understands that the consummation date would then be extended to January 30, 2018 pursuant to 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2).

CSXT is efilings this letter. If you have any questions please call or email me.

Sincerely yours

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