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Via electronic mail

Honorable Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D. C. 20423

RE: Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No 670X), *CSX Transportation, Inc —
Abandonment Exemption—in Middlesex County, Massachusetts*

Dear Secretary Williams

I am writing on behalf of The Town of Natick, Massachusetts (the "Town") to request a 180-day extension of the deadline for negotiations with CSX Transportation, Inc ("CSXT") regarding the Notice of Interim Trail Use in the above-captioned proceeding Pursuant to the October 25, 2006 decision of the Surface Transportation Board (the "Board"), an agreement for interim trail use/rail banking must be reached by May 23, 2007 ("Negotiating Deadline")

Although CSXT and the Town have not reached an agreement regarding the NITU, the parties desire to continue negotiations for an NITU Accordingly, the Town respectfully requests an extension of the Negotiating Deadline to November 19, 2007.

In addition, the Town respectfully requests a waiver of the Board's filing fees in accordance with 49 CFR 1002 2(e)(1)

The Town is e-filing this letter Thank you for your assistance

Sincerely,

Martha White,
Acting Town Administrator

cc: Parties of Record