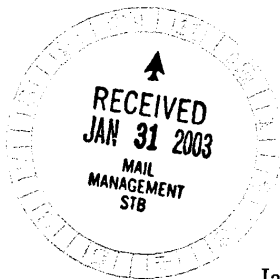




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VIA AIRBORNE EXPRESS

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Re: Docket No. AB-565 (Sub-No. 2X)
New York Central Lines, LLC -
Abandonment in Middlesex County, Massachusetts
~~Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 594X)~~
CSX Transportation, Inc. -
Discontinuance of Service in Middlesex County, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Williams:

This letter relates to the Board's decision served on July 31, 2002 in the above captioned matter. In that decision, the Board granted NYC and CSXT's request for an extension of the NITU negotiating period until February 28, 2003. In that the parties have been unable to finalize negotiations but desire to continue discussions, NYC and CSXT request an extension of time. NYC and CSXT request that the negotiating period be extended for an additional six (6) months, until August 28, 2003. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Please feel free to contact my office if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

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