

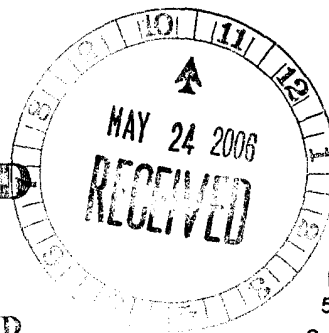


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Via Overnight Express Mail (Return Receipt Requested)

Honorable Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K. Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20006

Re: **STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 625X)**
CSX Transportation, Inc. -- Abandonment
Exemption in Preston County, West Virginia

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Dear Secretary Williams:

The Friends of the Cheat ("Friends") requested a notice of interim trail use/rail banking for approximately 14.3 miles of railroad between milepost BAJ-0.0 at Rowlesburg and milepost BAJ-14.3 near Albright in Preston County, West Virginia in the above-captioned proceeding. The current extension of the negotiating period expires on May 27, 2006. CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT"), has not consummated the abandonment, has been unable to finalize negotiations with Friends, and desires to continue to negotiate for interim trail use/rail banking with Friends. CSXT respectfully requests the Board to grant a 180-day extension of time to November 23, 2006 to negotiate trail use with Friends. Additionally, CSXT respectfully requests an extension of the date to consummate the abandonment to January 22, 2007.

Enclosed please find the original and 10 copies of this letter, and a filing fee of \$350.00. Please time and date stamp a copy of this letter and return it with the enclosed self-addressed and stamped letter.

Thank you for your assistance and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Steven C. Armbrust

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cc: Parties of Record

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