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RE: Docket No. AB-565 (Sub-No. 1X), New York Central Lines, LLC-Abandonment Exemption-in Middlesex County, MA;
Docket No. AB-55 (Sub No. 593X), CSX Transportation Inc.-Discontinuance of Service Exemption-in Middlesex County,
MA

Dear Ms. Brown,

I am writing on behalf of the Town of Framingham, Massachusetts (the "Town") to request an additional 361-day extension of the deadline for negotiations with CSX Transportation, Inc., as successor by merger to New York Central Lines, LLC ("CSXT"), regarding the Notice of Interim Trail Use (NITU) in the above captioned proceeding with respect to the 3.40 mile portion of line that extends from railroad milepost QBS 0.00 at Framingham to railroad milepost QBS 3.40 at the Framingham town line. Pursuant to the October 27, 2011 decision of the Surface Transportation Board, the negotiating period expired on April 27, 2012 (the "Negotiating Deadline").

Due to staff changeover, the parties involved were not able to request a further extension during the April 2012 deadline. CSXT and the Town have re-established communication and wish to update the appraisal and continue to negotiate the acquisition price regarding the NITU.

The Town respectfully requests an extension of the Negotiating Deadline for 361 days to October 11, 2016. CSXT has acknowledged that it concurs with this request and will file a letter of concurrence once it receives a copy of this letter.

In addition, the Town respectfully requests a waiver of the Board's filing fees in accordance with 49 CFR 1002.2(e)(1) as the Town is a local government entity. The Town is e-filing this letter. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Robert Halpin
Town Manager

FILING FEE WAIVED

cc: Parties of Record