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Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
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Washington DC 20423

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Dear Mr. Williams:

Friends of the Cheat, Inc. requests an extension of NITU status on a CSX corridor referred to as from Rowlesburg to Camp Dawson, beginning at BAJ 0.0 to ending point BAJ 9.78 both in Preston County West Virginia. This follows recent STB action to retract consummation of abandonment regarding STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No.625x)

CSX Real Property has expressed willingness to negotiate a sale of the above listed property and NITU status will facilitate this process. If acquisition occurs, the City of Kinwood, WV is willing to hold the deed and lease the corridor to Friends of the Cheat as a recreational trail for which Friends of the Cheat would be responsible.

Enclosed is filing fee of \$350.00. I can be reached by phone at 304-329-3621 or by email at kpitzer@cheat.org.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Keith Pitzer
Executive Director

Cc Ray E. Birkholz
Regional Mgr.
CSX Real Property