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Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Room 700
Washington, D. C. 20423



RE: Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 638X), *CSX Transportation, Inc.*—
Abandonment Exemption—in Knox County, OH

Dear Secretary Williams:

The Knox County Commissioners (the “County”) requested a notice of interim trail use/rail banking in the above-entitled proceeding for an approximately 6.37-mile line of railroad, in CSX Transportation, Inc.’s (“CSXT”) Midwest Region, Louisville Division, Lake Erie Subdivision, extending from milepost BQ-25.90, at Mt. Vernon, to milepost BQ-32.27, at Fredericktown, in Knox County, OH. The notice of interim trail use/rail banking is now scheduled to expire on May 31, 2005. Because CSXT has been unable to finalize negotiations with the County, CSXT respectfully requests a 180-day extension of time to November 27, 2005 to negotiate trail use with the County. Additionally, CSXT respectfully requests an extension of the date to consummate the abandonment to January 26, 2006.

Enclosed are the original and 10 copies of this letter, and a filing fee of \$350. Please time and date stamp the additional copy of this letter and return it with our messenger. Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions please call or email me.

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Sincerely yours

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cc: Mr. Russell