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

**Re: Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 603X)
CSX Transportation, Inc. -
Abandonment in Webster County, West Virginia**

Dear Mr. Williams:

By decision dated July 24, 2003, the Board granted the request of CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT") for an extension of the trail negotiating period in the above captioned matter. That period is currently scheduled to expire on January 23, 2004. This letter is intended to inform the Board that CSXT and the County have been unable to finalize trail negotiations. As such, CSXT respectfully requests a further extension. Specifically, CSXT requests an extension of the trail negotiating period until July 23, 2004. Additionally, CSXT requests an official extension of the consummation date until September 23, 2004. 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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