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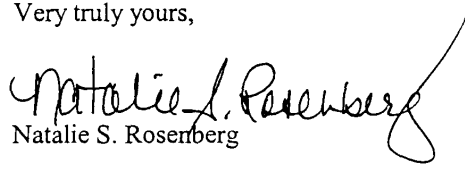
RE: STB Docket No. AB-565 (Sub-No. 7X) > 207487
New York Central Lines, LLC - Abandonment
~~STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 605X)~~
CSX Transportation, Inc. - Discontinuance of Service
Exemption in Suffolk County, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Williams:

In a decision dated October 25, 2002, the Board allowed New York Central Lines, LLC ("NYC") an extension on the time to negotiate with the City of Chelsea ("City") for trail purposes. In that it does not appear that NYC and the City will be able to reach a final agreement on the trail issue by April 28, 2003, NYC respectfully requests an extension of the negotiating period until October 28, 2003. 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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