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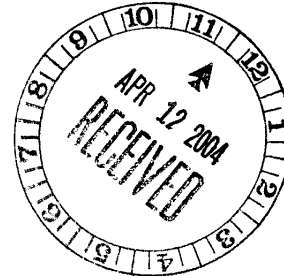
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Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
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RE: STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 613X)

Dear Mr. Williams,

On October 1, 2003, the Jefferson County Commission filed a request for the issuance of a notice of interim trail use (NITU) for the subject line under the National Trails System Act, 16 U.S.C. 1274(d) (Trails Act), in order to negotiate with CSXT for acquisition of the right-of-way for use as a trail. In its decision of October 23, 2003, the Surface Transportation Board (STB) agreed to issue the NITU and provided a 180-day period for the County and CSXT to negotiate an agreement. The prescribed deadline for reaching agreement is April 19, 2004. Both parties are working diligently to reach agreement, but we do not anticipate being able to complete our negotiations by the date specified. Therefore, we are writing to request a 180-day extension of the April 19, 2004, deadline.

By copy of this letter, I am requesting CSXT to notify you of CSXT's agreement with the requested extension.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jefferson County Commission

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