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

**Re: STB Docket No. AB-565 (Sub-No. 2X)
New York Central Lines, LLC - Abandonment
Exemption in Middlesex County, MA**

Dear Secretary Williams:

Reference is hereby made to each of (i) the letter, dated June 28, 2006, from the Town of Holliston ("Holliston") to the Board and (ii) the letter, dated July 5, 2006 from the Town of Sherborn ("Sherborn" and, together with Holliston, the "Towns") to the Board, in each case requesting a one-year extension of the NITU negotiating period in the above-captioned matter (the "Extension Request").

This letter will confirm that CSX Transportation, Inc., as successor by merger to New York Central Lines, LLC ("CSXT"), concurs with the Extension Request, as it has not consummated the abandonment, has been unable to finalize negotiations with the Towns, and desires to continue to negotiate for interim trail use/rail banking with the Towns.¹

CSXT is e-filing this letter. Thank you for your assistance and please feel free to contact me via phone or email if you have any questions.

¹ Although the Extension Request exceeds the 180-day extension period typically granted by the Board when an extension is justified, CSXT will accept a one year extension should the Board deem it permissible.

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Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Armbrust", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Steven C. Armbrust

cc: Parties of Record