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Honorable Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Room 700
Washington, DC 20006

**Re: STB Docket No. AB-565 (Sub-No. 7X), New York Central Lines, LLC –
Abandonment Exemption –in Suffolk County, MA**

Dear Secretary Williams:

The City of Chelsea, MA (the “City”) requested a notice of interim trail use/rail banking for approximately 2.17 miles of railroad between milepost QBG-5.7 and milepost QBG-7.87 in Chelsea, Suffolk County, MA, in the above-entitled proceeding. The current extension of the negotiating period expires on October 20, 2006. CSX Transportation, Inc. (“CSXT”), as successor by merger to New York Central Lines, LLC, has not consummated the abandonment, has been unable to finalize negotiations with the City, and desires to continue to negotiate for interim trail use/rail banking with the City. CSXT respectfully requests the Board to grant a 180-day extension of time to April 18, 2007 to negotiate trail use with the City. Additionally, CSXT respectfully requests an extension of the date to consummate the abandonment to June 17, 2007.

Enclosed please find the original and 10 copies of this letter, and a filing fee of \$350.00. Please time and date stamp a copy of this letter and return it with the enclosed self-addressed and stamped letter.

Thank you for your assistance and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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

Steven C. Armbrust

cc: Parties of Record