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June 2, 2008

Hon. Anne K. Quinlan
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
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**Re: STB Docket No. AB-55 (656X)
CSX Transportation, Inc. – Abandonment
Exemption – in Marion County, WV**

Dear Acting Secretary Quinlan:

Reference is made to the letter, dated June 2, 2008 (attached hereto as Exhibit A and filed with the Board on June 2, 2008), from Director Richard Walton, on behalf of the Marion County Commission (the "County"), requesting reinstatement of the abandonment authority of CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT"), an extension of the consummation date and an extension of the NITU deadline (collectively, the "Extension Request"), in each case with respect to the line in the above-captioned proceeding.

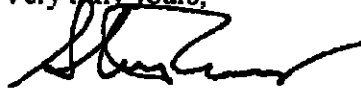
CSXT hereby concurs with and fully supports the Extension Request in all respects. As Director Walton's letter indicates, the parties were focused on making material progress on the transaction. However, after the NITU deadline passed, CSXT did discuss the need for an extension request and indeed was advised informally that an extension request would be forthcoming shortly before the consummation deadline. As is now apparent, that extension request is a week late.

CSXT is highly supportive of the County's desire to convert CSXT's right of way to a trail (while preserving it for a return to an active line in the future if necessary or desired). CSXT and the County are the parties that would be harmed if the Board denied the relief sought by the County. CSXT would be required to retain the line, and if it wanted to convert the line to trail use, go through the costly and time-consuming abandonment process again. The County would be denied the ability to expeditiously convert the railroad line to a trail. The harm to the County and CSXT clearly outweighs the harm that might have been caused by the County filing its extension request only one week late.

Accordingly, CSXT concurs in the request to extend the NITU negotiating period for 180 days (from March 26, 2008) to September 22, 2008 and the time to consummate the abandonment of the line in the above-captioned proceeding to November 21, 2008.

CSXT is e-filing this notice. Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions please call or email me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steven C. Armbrust', written over the closing 'Very truly yours,'.

Steven C. Armbrust

Enclosure

cc Parties of Record

Ex. A



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Via electronic mail

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Re STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 656X) – CSX Transportation, Inc. --
Abandonment Exemption in Marion County, West Virginia

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

The Marion County Commission (County) requested a notice of intent to use/rail banking for approximately 17.51 miles of railroad on its Southern Region, Huntington Division East, Fairmont Subdivision, between Barrackville, milepost BS-306.32 and Mannington, milepost BS-319.48, including the Dents Run Spur between milepost BSB 0.00 and milepost BSB 4.35, in Marion County, West Virginia in the above-captioned proceeding. The last extension of the negotiating period expired on March 26, 2008.

From the date of the last extension and continuing to date, the County and CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) were in discussions regarding the proposed trails and hoped to reach a final agreement in advance of the NITU extension deadline. In addition to negotiating with CSXT, the County was simultaneously working to secure funding for the trail (in addition to its other responsibilities). Unfortunately, due to the County's administrative obligations and other scheduling conflicts, the County did not realize that the NITU expiration deadline had expired. Although CSXT raised the issue of this deadline expiring and the need to file an extension request, due to an administrative miscommunication (and the recent holiday), the County understands that it now must request the reinstatement of the abandonment authority and an extension of the consummation date in addition to an extension of the NITU deadline.

The abandonment authority expired on May 27, 2008. Because of the ongoing negotiations between the County and CSXT, the intervening holiday, and schedule conflicts in the county, the date for the abandonment authority expired. The County requests the Board to reinstate the abandonment authority which expired less than one week ago for the reasons set forth above, so that the parties can continue to negotiate interim trail use/rail banking in order to immediately use the right-of-way for trail purposes, and to preserve the right-of-way for future reactivation as a railroad if it becomes necessary.

The County has discussed this issue at length with CSXT [and the state rail agencies], and the parties have renewed their commitment to reaching a final agreement with respect to this trail in a timely fashion. For this reason, the County respectfully requests that the Board grant this extension request so that it may continue negotiations and have time to secure funding. CSXT has acknowledged its consent to this extension request and has informed the County that it will file a letter with the Board regarding this matter and its consent.

In addition, the County respectfully requests a waiver of the Board's filing fees in accordance with 49 CFR 1002.2(e)(1).

The County is e-filing this letter. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Richard Walton

Richard Walton, Planning & Development Director

cc: Parties of Record