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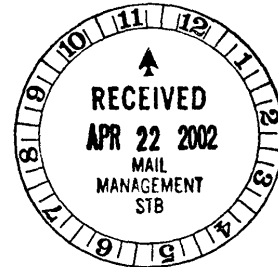
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VIA AIRBORNE EXPRESS

Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Mercury Building
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Washington, D.C. 20423



**RE: STB Docket No. AB-565 (Sub-No. 3X)
New York Central Lines, LLC - Abandonment
STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 595X)
CSX Transportation, Inc. - Discontinuance of Service
Exemption in Berkshire County, Massachusetts**

Dear Mr. Williams:

This letter is in response to the formal April 11, 2002 request of the Berkshire Natural Resources Council, Inc. ("Berkshire") in the above captioned matter. Specifically, Berkshire requested that the Board place a public use condition on the abandonment for purposes of negotiating a notice of interim trail use. CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT") on its own behalf and that of New York Central Lines, LLC ("NYC") has already engaged in preliminary trail discussions with Berkshire. As such, CSXT and NYC are willing to negotiate with Berkshire in accordance with the Board's formal procedures in the event that the OFA is not pursued in the above captioned matter.

Please feel free to contact my office if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

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