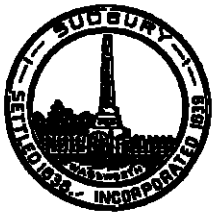


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July 3, 2007

Via electronic mail

Honorable Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423

RE: Docket No. AB-565 (Sub-No. 1X), New York Central Lines, LLC—Abandonment Exemption—in Middlesex County, MA

Dear Secretary Williams:

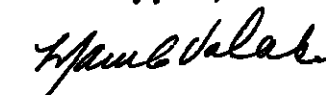
I am writing on behalf of The Town of Sudbury, Massachusetts (the "Town") to request a 180-day extension of the deadline for negotiations with CSX Transportation, Inc., as successor by merger to New York Central Lines, LLC, ("CSXT"), regarding the Notice of Interim Trail Use in the above-captioned proceeding with respect to the 1.4-mile portion of line that extends north from the Framingham town line at MP QBS 3.40 to the intersection of the former Penn Central Transportation Company line at MP QBS 4.90. Pursuant to the December 12, 2006 decision (the "Decision") of the Surface Transportation Board (the "Board"), an agreement for interim trail use/rail banking was required to be reached by May 24, 2007 ("Negotiating Deadline").¹

Although CSXT and the Town have not reached an agreement regarding the NITU, the parties desire to continue negotiations for an NITU. The Town of Sudbury is in the process of obtaining our own appraisal of this section of the line. Accordingly, the Town respectfully requests an extension of the Negotiating Deadline to November 20, 2007 (i.e., 180 calendar days from the Negotiating Deadline). CSXT has acknowledged that it concurs with this request and will file a letter of concurrence once it receives a copy of this letter.

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

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

Sincerely yours,


Maureen G. Valente

cc: Parties of Record

FILING FEE WAIVED

¹ By request filed on October 23, 2006, the Town of Framingham ("Framingham") sought issuance of a NITU, under the National Trails System Act, 16 U.S.C. 1247(d) (Trails Act), for a 3.40-mile portion of the right-of-way that extends from milepost QBS 0.00 at Framingham to milepost QBS 3.40 at the Framingham town line (the "Framingham NITU"). The Board issued a NITU for the Framingham NITU subject to the Negotiating Deadline.