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Via DHL Express – Overnight (Return Request Requested)

Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20024



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

Dear Secretary Williams:

The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts (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, Massachusetts, in the above-entitled proceeding. The current extension of the negotiating period expires on October 15, 2007. 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 12, 2008 to negotiate trail use with the City. Additionally, CSXT respectfully requests an extension of the date to consummate the abandonment to June 11, 2008.

Enclosed please find the original and ten 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,

Steven C. Armbrust

cc: Parties of Record

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