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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, ("CSX I"), 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 is expiring Nov. 20, 2007 ("Negotiating Deadline").

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 has obtained our own appraisal of this section of the line and we have forwarded it to CSXT Realty, c/o Lee Chastain for distribution to the appropriate parties at CSXT for review. The Town respectfully requests an extension of the Negotiating Deadline to May 20, 2008 (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
Town Manager

cc: Parties of Record