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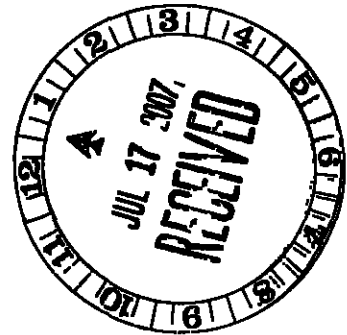
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VIA DHL EXPRESS

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



**Re: STB Docket No. AB-565 (Sub-No. 10X), New York Central Lines, LLC –
Abandonment Exemption – in Worcester County, MA**

Dear Secretary Williams

The City of Fitchburg and the City of Leominster ("Cities") requested a notice of interim trail use/rail banking for approximately 4.2 miles of railroad between milepost QBU-0 0 and milepost QBU-4 2 from Fitchburg to Leominster, in Worcester County, MA, in the above-entitled proceeding. The current extension of the negotiating period expires today, July 13, 2007.

CSX Transportation, Inc., on its own behalf and as successor by merger to New York Central Lines, LLC ("CSXT"), has not consummated the abandonment, has been unable to finalize negotiations with the Cities, and desires to continue to negotiate for interim trail use/rail banking with the Cities. In addition, please note that although the trail use negotiations have been ongoing for some time, The Trust for Public Land, a non-profit organization, is now involved as intermediary, and at the last meeting it was agreed that the Cities would order a new appraisal in conformance with generally accepted appraisal methodology. CSXT understands the Board's desire to finalize negotiations as soon as possible and the parties continue to work toward that goal.

Accordingly, CSXT respectfully requests the Board grant a 180-day extension of time to January 9, 2008 to negotiate trail use with the Cities. Additionally, CSXT respectfully requests an extension of the date to consummate the abandonment to March 10, 2008.

Enclosed please find the original and 10 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. Armbrust', written in a cursive style.

Steven C. Armbrust

cc. Parties of Record