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Via Overnight DHL Express Mail (Return Receipt Requested)

Honorable Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20006

**Re: STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 625X)
CSX Transportation, Inc. -- Abandonment
Exemption in Preston County, West Virginia**

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Dear Secretary Williams:

By decision and notice of interim trail use or abandonment ("NITU") served on April 9, 2004 (the "NITU Decision"), the Board, under 49 U.S.C. 10502, exempted from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10903 the abandonment by CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT") of a 14.3-mile line of railroad extending from milepost BAJ 0.0 at Rowlesburg to milepost BAJ 14.3 near Albright in Preston County, WV (the "Line"), subject to trail use, public use, environmental, and standard employee protective conditions.

The NITU Decision authorized The Friends of the Cheat ("Friends") to negotiate with CSXT for interim trail use/rail banking for the Line under the National Trails System Act, 16 U.S.C. 1247(d). After the extension of the NITU negotiating period, CSXT and Friends failed to reach an agreement, and CSXT submitted a notice of consummation to the Board on June 3, 2005.

Subsequently, CSXT requested a retraction of its notice of consummation of the abandonment of the Line because it had not yet complied with certain of the conditions set forth in the NITU Decision. By decision served on October 28, 2005, CSXT's request to retract the consummation letter was granted, and it was ordered that the Line remain subject to the Board's jurisdiction.

On November 21, 2005, Friends submitted a request for a 180-day extension of the NITU negotiating period for a 9.78-mile portion of the Line extending from milepost BAJ 0.0 at Rowlesburg to milepost BAJ 9.78 at Camp Dawson, in Preston County, WV (the "NITU Segment"), which request was granted by the Board on December 8, 2005. The current extension of the negotiating period expires on November 23, 2006. (CSXT ultimately consummated the abandonment of the portion of the Line that did not consist of the NITU Segment after the section 106 historic preservation condition imposed in the NITU decision was removed by the Board in its decision, served January 26, 2006.)

CSXT has not consummated the abandonment of the NITU Segment, has been unable to finalize negotiations with Friends, and desires to continue to negotiate for interim trail use/rail banking with Friends with respect to the NITU Segment. CSXT respectfully requests the Board to grant a 180-day extension of time to May 22, 2007 to negotiate trail use with Friends with respect to the NITU Segment. Additionally, CSXT respectfully requests an extension of the date to consummate the abandonment with respect to the NITU Segment to July 21, 2007.

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,



Steven C. Armbrust

cc: Parties of Record