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BY HAND AND FAX

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August 26, 2004

Hon. Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

RE: STB Docket No. AB-873X, New York And Eastern
Railway, LLC-Discontinuance Exemption In
Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, NY

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STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 652X), CSX
Transportation, Inc.-Discontinuance Exemption
In Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, NY

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STB Docket No. AB-565 (Sub-No. 17X), New York Central
Lines, LLC-Abandonment Exemption In Poughkeepsie,
Dutchess County, NY

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Dear Mr. Williams:

I am writing on behalf of Petitioners New York And Eastern
Railway LLC (NY&E), CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT), and New York
Central Lines, LLC (NYC), in connection with the above-captioned
proceeding. By this letter, Petitioners seek an extension until
Thursday September 2, 2004, in which to reply to the Protest
filed by Great Eastern Color Lithographic Corporation. I have
talked with Stephen Perretta, counsel for Protestant, who has
authorized me to represent that his client has no objection to
this extension request.

Please date stamp and return one copy of this filing.

Sincerely yours,


John D. Heffner

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cc: Ms. Terry Guy, STB (by fax)
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