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Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
 Surface Transportation Board
 1925 K Street, N.W. Room 711
 Washington, DC 20423

RE: STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No 613x)

Dear Mr. Williams,

On October 1, 2003, the Jefferson County Commission filed a request for the issuance of a notice of interim trail use (NITU) for the subject line under the National Trails System Act, 16 U.S.C. 1274(d) (Trails Act), in order to negotiate with CSXT for acquisition of the right-of-way for use as a trail. In its decision of October 23, 2003, the Surface Transportation Board (STB) agreed to issue the NITU and provided a 180 day period for the County and CSXT to negotiate an agreement. The prescribed deadline for reaching agreement was April 19, 2004. A 180 day extension was granted by STB at the County's request on April 16, 2004, extending the negotiation period to October 19, 2004. A second 180 day extension was granted by STB at the County's request on October 21, 2004 extending the negotiation period to April 16, 2005. A third 180 day extension was granted by STB at the County's request on April 6, 2005 extending the negotiation period to October 13, 2005.

Both parties are continuing to work diligently to reach agreement, but we do not anticipate being able to complete our negotiations by that date specified. Therefore, we are writing to request a 180 day extension of the October 13, 2005, deadline.

By copy of this letter, I am requesting CSXT to notify you of CSXT's agreement with the requested extension.

Respectfully submitted,

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