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Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
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RE: Docket No. 565 (Sub-No. 10X), *New York Central Lines, LLC—
Abandonment Exemption—in Worcester County, MA*

~~Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 616X), *CSX Transportation, Inc.—Discontinuance of
Service Exemption—in Worcester County, MA*~~

Dear Secretary Williams:

The City of Fitchburg and the City of Leominster (the “Cities”) requested a notice of interim trail use/rail banking in the above-entitled proceeding that is scheduled to expire on July 23, 2004. Because CSX Transportation, Inc. on its own behalf and that of New York Central Lines, LLC (collectively “CSXT”) has been unable to finalize negotiations with the Cities, CSXT respectfully requests a six month extension of time to January 23, 2005 to negotiate trail use with the Cities. Additionally, CSXT respectfully requests a six month extension of the date to consummate the abandonment and discontinuance of service from September 23, 2004 to October 30, 2004.

Enclosed are the original and 10 copies of this letter, and a filing fee of \$300. Please time and date stamp the additional copy of this letter and return it with our messenger. Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions please call or email me.

Sincerely yours

Louis E. Gitomer
Attorney for: CSX Transportation, Inc.

cc: The Honorable Dan H. Mylott
The Honorable Dean J. Mazzarella

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