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Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Room 700
Washington, D. C. 20423



RE: Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 646X), *CSX Transportation, Inc.—
Abandonment Exemption—in Pinellas County, FL*

Dear Secretary Williams:

Pinellas County ("Pinellas") requested a notice of interim trail use/rail banking for approximately 1.85-mile line of railroad between in the Southern Region, Jacksonville Division, Clearwater Subdivision, extending from milepost SY 893.80 to milepost SY 895.65, in St. Petersburg, Pinellas County, FL, in the above-entitled proceeding. The current extension of the negotiating period expires on December 15, 2004. CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT") has not consummated the abandonment, has been unable to finalize negotiations with Pinellas, and desires to continue to negotiate for interim trail use/rail banking with Pinellas. Therefore, CSXT respectfully requests the Board to grant a 180-day extension of time to June 13, 2005 to negotiate trail use with Pinellas. Additionally, CSXT respectfully requests an extension of the date to consummate the abandonment to August 12, 2005.

Enclosed are the original and 10 copies of this letter, and a filing fee of \$350. 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: Ms. Latvala