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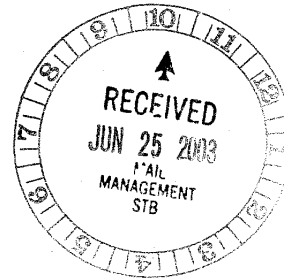
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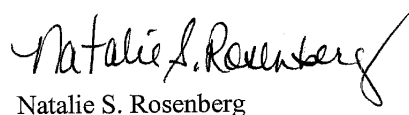
Re: **STB Docket No. AB-167 (Sub-No. 1161X) -
Consolidated Rail Corporation - Abandonment
in Vermilion and Champaign Counties, Illinois**

Dear Mr. Williams:

This refers to the trail negotiations in the above captioned matter. The Board granted the earlier request of New York Central Lines, LLC ("NYC") and CSXT Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT") to extend the NITU negotiating period until July 31, 2003. In that NYC and CSXT do not believe that the parties will be able to finalize the transaction by that date, NYC and CSXT request an extension until January 30, 2004. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Please feel free to contact my office if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,


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