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VIA AIRBORNE EXPRESS

Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Mercury Building
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423



Re: STB Docket No. AB-565 (Sub-No. 3X)
New York Central Lines, LLC - Abandonment
~~STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 595X)~~
~~CSX Transportation, Inc. - Discontinuance of Service~~
~~Exemption in Berkshire County, Massachusetts~~

Dear Mr. Williams:

The decision exempting the above captioned abandonment requires that New York Central Lines, LLC ("NYC") file a notice of consummation by August 13, 2002. NYC anticipates that it will sell this line to the Housatonic Railroad pursuant to the Offer of Financial Assistance filed by such railroad. NYC requests an extension on the consummation date, however, in the event the Housatonic decides not to follow through with the agreed upon purchase. As such, NYC requests that the consummation date be extended until December 13, 2002.

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

Very truly yours,

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