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RE: Docket No. AB-565 (Sub-No. 14X), *New York Central Lines, LLC—Abandonment Exemption—in Montgomery and Schenectady Counties, NY* - 211049
~~Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 629X), CSX Transportation, Inc.—Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in Montgomery and Schenectady Counties, NY~~

Dear Secretary Williams:

CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT") and New York Central Lines, LLC ("NYC") pursuant to and in compliance with 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29(d)(1), notify the Surface Transportation Board (the "Board") that as of May 22, 2004, they have canceled their tariffs and discontinued service over the 6.3-mile line of railroad between South Amsterdam, milepost QGW 159.6, and Rotterdam Junction, milepost QGW 165.9, in Montgomery and Schenectady Counties, NY (the "Line"). In addition, NYC notifies the Board, after complying with the consultation condition imposed in the decision in the above-entitled proceeding served on April 23, 2003, that the track and materials will be salvaged from the Line. However, in light of the on-going interim trail use and rail banking negotiations, NYC has not consummated the abandonment of the Line.

Enclosed are the original and 10 copies of this letter. Please time and date stamp the additional copy of this letter, and return it to our messenger. Thank you for your assistance.

If you have any questions, call or email me.

Sincerely yours,

Louis E. Gitomer
Attorney for CSX Transportation, Inc.

cc: New York Public Service Commission