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Chief of the Section of Administration, Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

Re: Docket No. AB-565 (Sub-No. 1X), *New York Central Lines, LLC—Abandonment Exemption—in Middlesex County, MA*

Dear Ms. Brown:

Reference is made to the letter, dated May 4, 2011, from Maureen G. Valente, Town Manager, on behalf of the Town of Sudbury (“Sudbury”), requesting a 180-day extension of the NITU negotiating deadline for the 1.4-mile portion of line (the “Sudbury Line”) in the above captioned matter that extends north from the Framingham town line at MP QBS 3.40 to the intersection of the former Penn Central Transportation Company line at MP QBS 4.80¹ (the “Sudbury Extension Request”). (The entire line in the above captioned matter consists of a 4.80-mile line of railroad known as the Albany Division, Fitchburg Subdivision, extending from milepost QBS 0.00 at Framingham to milepost QBS 4.80 at South Sudbury, in Middlesex County, MA (the “Line”).)

CSX Transportation, Inc. (“CSXT”), as successor by merger to New York Central Lines, LLC, acknowledges the Sudbury Extension Request and wishes to continue the negotiations for an NITU regarding the Sudbury Line as it has not consummated the abandonment, has been unable to finalize negotiations with Sudbury, and desires to continue to negotiate for interim trail use/rail banking with Sudbury.

Accordingly, CSXT agrees to a 180-day extension of the NITU negotiating period (i.e., until October 30, 2011)² to continue negotiations with Sudbury. CSXT also believes that

¹ It appears that Sudbury inadvertently described the end point of the Sudbury Line at “MP QBS 4.90”. CSXT (as defined in this letter) does not believe this is a disputed issue, but merely a typographical error.

² The current NITU negotiating period expired on May 3, 2011. Sudbury appears to have inadvertently calculated the 180-day extension of the NITU negotiating deadline to be November 2, 2011 – as opposed to October 30, 2011. Although CSXT would accept either date as the new NITU negotiating deadline, CSXT respectfully suggests setting the date to October 30, 2011 to avoid confusion in the future.

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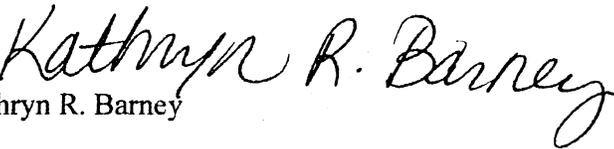
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the consummation date for the Line would be automatically extended to December 29, 2011 under 49 C.F.R. 1152.29(e)(2).

CSXT is e-filing this notice. Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions please call or email me.

Very truly yours,


Kathryn R. Barney

cc: Maureen G. Valente
