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Cynthia T. Brown
Chief of the Section of Administration, Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20423

RE: Docket No. AB-565 (Sub-No. IX), New York Central Lines, LLC-Abandonment Exemption in Middlesex County, MA

Dear Ms. Brown:

I am writing on behalf of The Town of Sudbury, Massachusetts (the "Town") to request an additional 180-day extension of the deadline for negotiations with CSX Transportation, Inc., as successor by merger to New York Central Lines, LLC, ("CSXT"), regarding the Notice of Interim Trail Use in the above-captioned proceeding with respect to the 1.4-mile portion of line 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 4.90. Pursuant to the April 24, 2013 decision (the "Decision") of the Surface Transportation Board (the "Board"), an agreement for interim trail use/rail banking was extended to October 21, 2013 ("Negotiating Deadline").

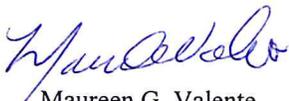
CSXT and the Town continue to seek agreement on the acquisition price regarding the NITU. The Town and CSX wish to continue to negotiate a Purchase & Sale Agreement. In July 2013, Sudbury approached CSX see if they would concur with to request a one-year extension of the negotiating deadline. As we have not received formal approval for this request, we are requesting the 180-day extension at this time. On November 13, 2013, the Sudbury Board of Selectmen voted the CSX purchase as a topic for their 2014 top sixteen goals.

The Town respectfully requests an extension of the Negotiating Deadline to March 21, 2014 (i.e. 180 calendar days from the Negotiating Deadline). Alternatively, the Town of Sudbury would like to extend the negotiating timeframe for 360 days from the October 21, 2013 deadline (October 16, 2014), if this is possible within the STB regulations. CSXT has acknowledged that it concurs with this request and will file a letter of concurrence once it receives a copy of this letter.

In addition, the Town respectfully requests a waiver of the Board's filing fees in accordance with 49 CFR 1002.2(e)(1).

The Town is e-filing this letter. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely yours,


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cc: Parties of Record

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