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*Martha L. White*  
Town Administrator

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Via electronic mail <http://www.stb.dot.gov>

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

RE: Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 670X), *CSX Transportation, Inc.—  
Abandonment Exemption—in Middlesex County, Massachusetts*

Dear Ms. Brown:

I am writing on behalf of The Town of Natick, Massachusetts (the "Town") to request an extension of the deadline for negotiations with CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT") regarding the Notice of Interim Trail Use in the above-captioned proceeding. Pursuant to the October 25, 2006 initial decision of the Surface Transportation Board (the "Board"), and subsequent extensions, the negotiating period has been extended until April 11, 2015. While the Town and CSX have historically requested 180-day extensions, *at this time we are requesting a one-year extension*. We are making good progress on the design of a recreational trail; we anticipate that within one year this work to be at the 75% design level such that we can finalize a purchase agreement with CSX.

Accordingly, the Town respectfully requests a one-year extension of the Negotiating Deadline. CSXT concurs with this request and will file a separate letter once the Town's filing has been received by the STB.

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

Sincerely,

  
Martha White,  
Town Administrator

cc: Parties of Record

**FILING FEE WAIVED**

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