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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 a 180-day 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 October 23, 2012. CSXT and the Town of Natick both wish to continue our negotiations.

Recently, the Town of Natick completed a study of the feasibility of shared transit and recreation along this corridor. CSX has indicated that an updated appraisal is pending and we are looking forward to receiving this information.

Accordingly, the Town respectfully requests an additional 180 day 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

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