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**Re: Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 625X), CSX Transportation, Inc. —
Abandonment Exemption—in Preston County, West Virginia**

Dear Ms. Brown:

Reference is made to the letter, dated May 1, 2011 (and filed with Board on May 9, 2011), from Amanda Pitzer, Executive Director, on behalf of Friends of the Cheat, Inc. (the "Friends") requesting a 180-day extension of the NITU negotiating period (the "Extension Request") with respect to the line in the above-captioned proceeding.

CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT") hereby acknowledges and concurs with the Extension Request, as it has not consummated the abandonment, has been unable to finalize negotiations with Friends, and desires to continue to negotiate for interim trail use/rail banking with Friends.

Accordingly, CSXT agrees to a 180-day extension of the NITU negotiating period (i.e., until October 28, 2011) to continue negotiations with Friends. CSXT also believes that the consummation date for the line would be automatically extended to December 27, 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: Amanda Pitzer