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

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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 12, 2016. Our most recent extension was for a one-year period; **we seek an additional one-year extension**. Since our last extension request was approved, we have entered into a Purchase and Sale Agreement with CSX, have substantially advanced design work and have initiated work on a perimeter (metes and bounds) survey and environmental testing.

While we hope to not need the full one-year extension period, we seek such approval to ensure sufficient time to finalize all matters. Therefore, the Town of Natick 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

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