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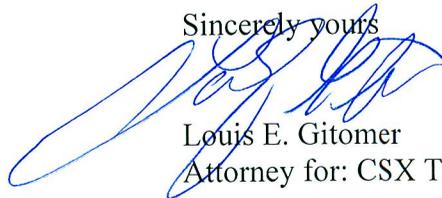
RE: **Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 625X), CSX Transportation, Inc.—
*Abandonment Exemption—in Preston County, WV***

Dear Ms. Brown:

By an extension request filed on May 22, 2012, the Friends of the Cheat, Inc. (“Friends”) seek a 180-day extension of time to negotiate interim trail use/rail banking for a 9.8-mile rail line between BAJ 0.0 at Rowlesburg and milepost BAJ 9.78 at Camp Dawson in Preston County, WV (the “Line”). The previous extension of the negotiating period for the Line expired April 25, 2012. The consummation date of the abandonment is not until June 24, 2012. CSX Transportation, Inc. (“CSXT”) 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 for the Line. Therefore, CSXT agrees to the 180-day extension of time to October 23, 2012 to negotiate trail use with Friends. CSXT understands that the consummation date would then be extended to December 22, 2012 pursuant to 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2).

CSXT is e-filing this letter. Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions please call or email me.

Sincerely yours



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cc: Ms. Pitzer