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RE: Docket No. AB-565 (Sub-No. 1X), *New York Central Lines, LLC—  
Abandonment Exemption—in Middlesex County, MA*

Dear Ms. Brown:

CSX Transportation, Inc. (“CSXT”), the successor by merger to New York Central Lines, LLC, agrees to the request from The Town of Framingham filed on October 15, 2015, requesting an extension of 361 days to negotiate interim trail use/rail banking over a 3.40-mile portion of the line proposed for abandonment in the above-entitled proceeding between milepost QBS 0.0, at Framingham, MA, to milepost QBS 3.40, at Framingham, MA (the “Framingham Line”).

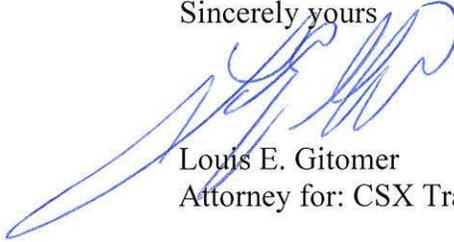
CSXT has not consummated the abandonment. CSXT, as successor by merger to the New York Central Lines, LLC, was granted an exemption to abandon the railroad line known as the Albany Division, Fitchburg Subdivision, extending from milepost QBS 0.00 at Framingham to milepost QBS 4.80 at South Sudbury, in Middlesex County, MA, the end of the line (the “Line”). *New York Central Lines, LLC--Abandonment Exemption—in Middlesex County, MA*, Docket No. AB-565 (Sub-No. 1X) (served October 12, 2001). CSXT continues to negotiate trail use with the Town of Sudbury for the 1.4-mile portion of the Line between milepost QBS 3.40 and milepost QBS 4.80 (the “Sudbury Line”). CSXT has continuously negotiated with trail use for the Sudbury Line. CSXT considers the continued negotiation for trail use on the Sudbury Line to be a regulatory barrier to the consummation of the abandonment of the portion of the Line referred to as the Framingham Line. If the Framingham Line were abandoned, the Sudbury Line would be cut-off from the national rail system and no longer eligible for trail use.

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CSXT respectfully requests the Surface Transportation Board to grant Framingham's extension request for the Framingham Line and allow the period for negotiations to run until October 11, 2016. CSXT understands that the consummation date would then be extended to December 10, 2016 pursuant to 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2).

CSXT is efilng this letter. If you have any questions please call or email me.

Sincerely yours



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