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Via electronic mail

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

Dear Ms. Brown,

I am writing on behalf of The Town of Sudbury, Massachusetts (the "Town") to request an additional 180-day extension of the deadline for negotiations with CSX Transportation, Inc., as successor by merger to New York Central Lines, LLC ("CSXT"), regarding the Notice of Interim Trail Use in the above-captioned proceeding with respect to the 1.4-mile portion of line that extends north from the Framingham town line at MP QBS 3.40 to the intersection of the former Penn Central Transportation Company line at MP QBS 4.90. Pursuant to the April 24, 2013 decision (the "Decision") of the Surface Transportation Board (the "Board"), an agreement for interim trail use/rail banking was extended to October 16, 2014 ("Negotiating Deadline").

CSXT and the Town wish to continue to seek agreement on the acquisition price regarding the NITU. The Town and CSX wish to continue to negotiate a Purchase & Sale Agreement. Funding for a portion of the purchase was reauthorized by a vote at Sudbury's 2010 Annual Town Meeting. These funds remain available for the purchase. The Town is currently investigating alternative funding sources for the balance of a negotiated purchase price as the Community Preservation Funds are not available for this purpose.

The Town respectfully requests an extension of the Negotiating Deadline to April 15, 2015 (i.e. 180 calendar days from the Negotiating Deadline). Alternatively, the Town of Sudbury would like to extend the negotiating timeframe for 360 days from Oct. 16, 2014 to Oct. 11, 2015, if this is possible within the STB regulations. CSXT has acknowledged that it concurs with this request and will file a letter of concurrence once it receives a copy of this letter.

In addition, the Town respectfully requests a waiver of the Board's filing fees in accordance with 49 CFR 1002.2(e)(1).

The Town is e-filing this letter. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Maureen G. Valente
Town Manager

cc: Parties of Record

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