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Via electronic filing

Cynthia T. Brown
Chief of the Section of Administration, Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
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Washington, DC 20423

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**Re: STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 670X), CSX Transportation, Inc. –
Abandonment Exemption – in Middlesex County, Massachusetts**

Dear Ms. Brown:

Reference is made to the letter, dated October 25, 2011 (and received by the Board on October 28, 2011), from Martha White, Town Administrator, on behalf of the Town of Natick (the “Town”) to the Board, requesting a 180-day extension of the NITU negotiating period with respect to the line in the above-captioned proceeding.

CSX Transportation, Inc. (“CSXT”) has not consummated the abandonment, has been unable to finalize negotiations with the Town, and desires to continue to negotiate for interim trail use/rail banking with the Town. Accordingly, CSXT agrees to a 180-day extension of the NITU negotiating period (i.e., until April 26, 2012) to continue negotiations with the Town.

As provided in 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), the extension of the NITU negotiation period until April 26, 2012, creates a regulatory barrier to consummation of the abandonment, which provides CSXT with an additional 60 days to consummate the abandonment to June 25, 2012, if trail negotiation is unsuccessful. CSXT respectfully requests that the Board confirm that the extension of the consummation period as provided in the regulations applies in this instance.

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: Martha White

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