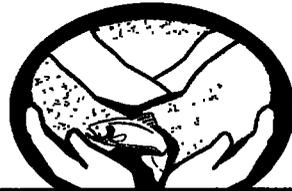


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October 3, 2011

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

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Re: STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 625X). CSXT- Abandonment Exemption – in Preston County, WV

Dear Ms. Brown:

Friends of the Cheat, Inc. requests a 180 day extension of NITU status on a CSX corridor referred to as from Rowlesburg to Camp Dawson, beginning at BAJ 0.0 to ending point BAJ 9.78 both in Preston County. This follows current extension of NITU which expires this month.

CSX Transportation, Inc. and Greer Industries have developed a draft purchase sale agreement. Greer Industries and Friends of the Cheat also have a draft purchase sale agreement for the northern portion of the corridor. All parties seek to close these sales in early 2012.

CSXT has authorized FOC to file this request for extension and will file a letter of concurrence. Therefore, Friends of the Cheat respectfully request the NITU negotiation period be extended as set forth in the Extension Request.

Sincerely,

Amanda Pitzer
Executive Director
Friends of the Cheat

cc: Bruce McMahon, CSX Real Property

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