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Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20423



Re: **STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 580X) -
CSX Transportation, Inc.- Abandonment
Exemption in Muhlenberg and McLean Counties, Kentucky**

Dear Mr. Williams:

By decision served on September 18, 2001, the Board granted CSXT's request for an extension of the NITU period in STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 580X). Specifically, the Board allowed CSXT until January 31, 2002 to finalize negotiations with the County. Because the County appeared to have lost interest in developing a trail, CSXT recently allowed the NITU negotiation period to lapse.

CSXT understands that it now has 60 days from January 31, 2002 to consummate the abandonment. CSXT would like to request an extension of time to consummate the above abandonment. As such, please accept this letter as CSXT's formal request to extend the consummation date in the above matter to June 30, 2002. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Please feel free to contact my office if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

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