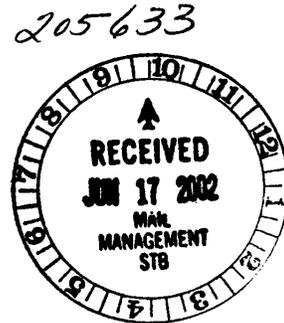


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Re: STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 588X), *CSX Transportation, Inc. -- Abandonment Exemption -- in Polk and McMinn Counties, TN*

Dear Mr. Williams:

Offeror Southeast Local Development Corporation (SLDC) hereby respectfully seeks a 10-day extension of the June 17, 2002 due date for filing requests to establish conditions and compensation for financial assistance.

This short extension is justified because SLDC and CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) are very close to an agreement that would obviate the need for the Board to establish such conditions and compensation, but a short period of additional time is required for that agreement to be finalized.

Counsel for CSXT, Natalie S. Rosenberg, has authorized me to state that CSXT concurs with the requested extension.

Ten copies accompany the original of this request. All parties are being served.

Very truly yours,

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