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Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Case Control Unit, Suite 713
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

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 14-day extension of the June 27, 2002 due date for filing requests to establish conditions and compensation for financial assistance. A 10-day extension was granted previously.

This short extension is justified because SLDC and CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) have not been able to conclude an agreement for acquisition of the rail line. Additional time is required to determine whether such an agreement can be reached.

Counsel for CSXT has stated that CSXT does not agree to the requested extension.

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

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Very truly yours,

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REMARKS:

LETTER TO SEC. WILLIAMS, DATED 6-27-02.

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