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

**RE: STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 586X)
CSX Transportation, Inc.-Abandonment
Exemption in McMinn County, Tennessee**

Dear Mr. Williams:

By decision served on July 27, 2001 in the above captioned matter, the Board exempted the abandonment from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10903. The Board also indicated that CSXT would be required to file a notice of consummation with the Board by July 27, 2002. This letter is intended as a request for an extension on the time to consummate the abandonment in the above captioned proceeding. Specifically, CSXT requests a six-month extension, until January 27, 2003, to exercise the abandonment authority granted for the portion of the line between Milepost OKW 333.62 and Milepost OKW 334.24. CSXT intends to allow the authority granted for the line between Milepost OKW 333.4 and Milepost OKW 333.62 to expire.

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

Very truly yours,

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cc: City of Athens

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