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**RE: STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 619X)
CSX Transportation, Inc.-Abandonment
Exemption in Allegan County, Michigan**

Dear Mr. Williams:

CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT") is in receipt of a trail request in the above captioned matter dated September 18, 2002 and filed on behalf of Allegan County, Michigan. At this time, CSXT is unable to negotiate for trail purposes. Because CSXT has agreed to sell the line upon receiving abandonment authority to the customer at the end of the line for use as a private track, it would be inappropriate to negotiate for trail purposes at this time. However, in the event that the customer decides not to purchase the line, CSXT would be willing to consider late-filed trail requests. Under Michigan law, however, it may be necessary for CSXT to first offer the corridor to the state if the effected customer decides not to purchase the line.

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

Very truly yours,

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