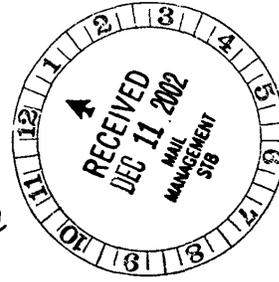




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December 10, 2002

**VIA FAX AND MAIL DELIVERY**

The Honorable Vernon A. Williams  
Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
1925 K Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

**Re: STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 606)  
CSX Transportation, Inc. – Abandonment Exemption – Northeast  
Region, Baltimore Division, P&W Subdivision, in Allegheny County,  
Pennsylvania**

Dear Secretary Williams:

The City of Pittsburgh (the "City") hereby requests an extension of the Notice of Interim Trail Use ("NITU") negotiation period in the above-captioned proceeding.

By letter filed June 6, 2002, CSX Transportation, Inc. stated that it would be willing to enter into negotiations for a railbanking agreement with the City. On June 14, 2002, the Board issued a decision granting the City's NITU request and initiating a 180-day NITU negotiation period.

The parties have yet to agree upon the terms of a railbanking agreement. The NITU negotiation period will expire on December 11, 2002. Therefore, the City respectfully requests an extension of the NITU negotiation period until July 8, 2003, in order to permit additional time for negotiations.<sup>1</sup> CSXT is agreeable to this request and already has submitted a letter (dated November 27, 2002) requesting an extension of the NITU negotiation period until July 8, 2003.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

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Sincerely,

Thomas E. Cox  
Executive Secretary

<sup>1</sup> By separate letter, the Borough of Millvale is submitting an identical request in this proceeding.