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



**Re: Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 591X)
CSX Transportation, Inc. -
Abandonment in Clark and Floyd Counties, Indiana**

Dear Mr. Williams:

On June 18, 2002, the Board served a decision allowing for the extension of the negotiating period for a trail use agreement in the above captioned proceeding. The deadline for such negotiation is February 3, 2003. Because the parties have been unable to complete the transaction, CSXT must request an extension to finalize trail negotiations. Please allow CSXT and the Town of Clarksville, the City of New Albany, and the City of Jeffersonville to continue to negotiate until August 4, 2003. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

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

Very truly yours,

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