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Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
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**Re: STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 586X)
CSX Transportation, Inc.-Abandonment
Exemption in McMinn County, Tennessee**

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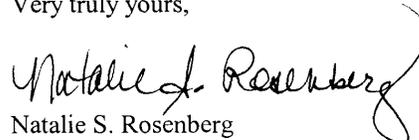
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Dear Mr. Williams:

CSXT respectfully requests an extension on the trail negotiating period in the above captioned matter. Specifically, CSXT requests an extension until December 12, 2003. Additionally, the consummation date in this matter is scheduled for August 13, 2003. Because of the ongoing trail negotiations, CSXT requests that the consummation date be extended until February 12, 2004.

Thank you very much for your consideration of these matters. Please feel free to contact my office if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,


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