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**Re: Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 579X)**  
**CSX Transportation, Inc. -**  
**Abandonment in Parke County and Vermillion County, Indiana**

Dear Secretary Williams:

By decision served on December 30, 2002, the Board granted CSX Transportation, Inc.'s ("CSXT") request for an extension of the consummation date in the above-captioned abandonment proceeding and allowed for a trail negotiating period that is scheduled to expire on June 28, 2003. Because the parties will be unable to finalize trail negotiations by June 28, 2003, CSXT hereby request an extension on the trail negotiating period and a further extension of the consummation date. Specifically, CSXT requests an extension of the trail negotiating period until December 26, 2003 and extension on the consummation date until February 26, 2004.

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

Very truly yours,

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