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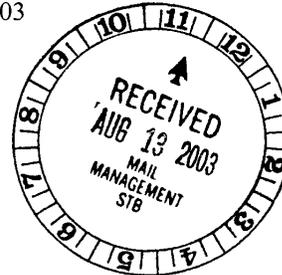
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**VIA AIRBORNE EXPRESS**

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



**Re: STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 606)  
CSX Transportation, Inc.-Abandonment  
Exemption in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania**

Dear Mr. Williams:

CSXT agreed to negotiate for trail purposes in the above captioned matter with both The City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and the neighboring Borough of Millvale. The deadline for trail negotiations was July 8, 2003. It is possible that CSXT may request a late extension of the trail negotiating period. In the meantime, however, CSXT would like to request an extension of the consummation date until January 8, 2004. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

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

Very truly yours,

*Natalie S. Rosenberg*

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