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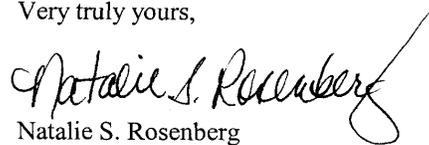
Re: **STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 568X) - 209577**
CSX Transportation, Inc. -
Abandonment Exemption in Franklin County, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Williams:

CSX Transportation ("CSXT") respectfully requests that the Board extend the date for consummation in the above captioned matter. CSXT is presently unable to consummate the abandonment of the subject line because the transfer of property pursuant to the notice of interim trail use has yet to be accomplished.

As such, CSXT requests that the consummation date in the above captioned abandonment be extended from January 30, 2004 to July 30, 2004. CSXT also requests that the trail use negotiating period be extended until the same date in order to allow the parties adequate time to finalize the transaction. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Very truly yours,


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