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**Re: Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 577X)
CSX Transportation, Inc. -
Abandonment in Wayne County, Indiana**

Dear Mr. Williams:

The Board granted CSXT's earlier request for an extension of the trail negotiating period and consummation date (December 30, 2003) in the above captioned matter. It has recently come to my attention that the parties will be unable to finalize the trail transaction by such deadline. As such, CSXT must request an additional extension of the trail negotiating period and consummation date until June 30, 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