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Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Mercury Building
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Washington, D.C. 20423

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Re: Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 635X)
CSX Transportation, Inc. -
Abandonment in Gratiot County, Michigan

Dear Mr. Williams:

The Friends of Fred Meijer Heartland Trail ("Meijer") requested a trail use condition in the above captioned matter. CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT") notified the Board that it was willing to negotiate with Meijer. Accordingly, the Board granted a trail use condition and gave the parties a deadline of January 25, 2004 for negotiations. This letter is intended as an official request for an extension of the time for negotiations. Specifically, CSXT requests that the Board extend the deadline for negotiations until July 23, 2004.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact my office if you have any questions or concerns about this matter.

Very truly yours,


Natalie S. Rosenberg

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cc: Friends of Fred Meijer Heartland Trail
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