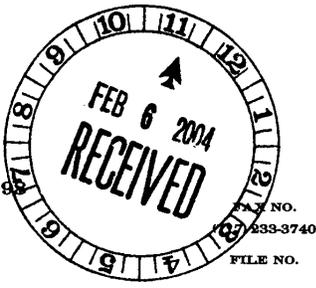


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**RE: STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 568X)
CSX Transportation, Inc. -- Abandonment
Exemption in Franklin County, Pennsylvania**

Dear Mr. Williams:

We represent Frederick A. Fox, Kaye A. Fox, Frederick Armstrong Fox ("the Foxes") and New Franklin Properties, LLC, in the above-referenced matter.

On January 20, 2004, the Board served a Decision directing the parties to the above-referenced matter to submit additional evidence to the Board by no later than February 9, 2004.

The recent inclement weather that we have experienced in Central Pennsylvania has interfered with our ability to take site photographs of the affected properties. For that reason, we respectfully request that the date for all parties to submit evidence to the Board be extended briefly, until February 16, 2004.

Natalie Rosenberg, Esquire, Counsel for CSXT, has indicated that CSXT has no objection to our extension request. Thomas J. Finucane, Esquire, has also indicated that the Borough of Chambersburg has no objection to our request.

We are faxing a copy of this letter to the Board today. We are also sending an original and ten copies to the Board today by Fed Ex.

We wish to thank the Board for its consideration of our request.

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Respectfully submitted,

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