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Honorable Vernon A. Williams
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RE: Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 591X), *CSX Transportation, Inc.—
Abandonment Exemption—in Clark and Floyd Counties, IN*

Dear Secretary Williams:

The Civil Town of Clarksville, IN, the City of New Albany, IN, and the City of Jeffersonville, IN (collectively "Proponents") requested a notice of interim trail use/rail banking for approximately 3.8-mile line of railroad between milepost B-50.5 near Clarksville and milepost B-54.3 near New Albany, in Clark and Floyd Counties, IN, in the above-entitled proceeding. The current extension of the negotiating period expires on August 4, 2004. CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT") has not consummated the abandonment, has been unable to finalize negotiations with the Proponents, and desires to continue to negotiate for interim trail use/rail banking with the Proponents. Therefore, CSXT respectfully requests the Board to grant a six month extension of time to February 4, 2005 to negotiate trail use with the Proponents. Additionally, CSXT respectfully requests an extension of the date to consummate the abandonment to April 4, 2005.

Enclosed are the original and 10 copies of this letter, and a filing fee of \$300. Please time and date stamp the additional copy of this letter and return it with our messenger. Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions please call or email me.

Sincerely yours

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