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Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
1925 K Street, N.W.  
Washington, D. C. 20423



Re: **Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 606X)**  
**CSX Transportation, Inc. – Abandonment**  
**Exemption in Allegheny County, Ohio**

Dear Mr. Williams:

The consummation deadline in the above captioned matter is December 31, 2004. CSX Transportation, Inc. respectfully requests an extension of the consummation date until June 30, 2005. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Please feel free to contact my office if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

*Donna W. Melton*

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