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Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Room 700
Washington, D. C. 20423

RE: Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 625X), *CSX Transportation, Inc.—Abandonment
Exemption—in Preston County, WV*

Dear Secretary Williams:

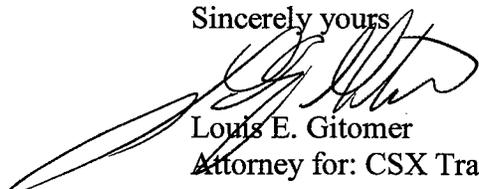
CSX Transportation, Inc. (“CSXT”) is in receipt of a letter from the Friends of the Cheat, Inc. (the “Friends”) that was filed with the Surface Transportation Board (the “Board”) on November 21, 2005. The Friends have asked the Board to extend the time to negotiate interim trail use/rail banking for a 9.78-mile portion of the line between milepost BAJ 0.00 and milepost BAJ 9.78 in Preston County, WV.

By decision served on October 28, 2005, the Board granted CSXT’s request to retract an inadvertently filed letter of consummation and concluded that “the line remains subject to the Board’s jurisdiction.” CSXT is willing to negotiate with Friends for the interim trail use/rail banking for the 9.78-mile portion of the line between milepost BAJ 0.00 and milepost BAJ 9.78 in Preston County, WV. CSXT requests the Board to begin the 180-day negotiation period on the date this letter is filed and continue until May 27, 2006.

This letter is being efiled with the Board.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions please call or email me.

Sincerely yours



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cc: Mr. Pitzer