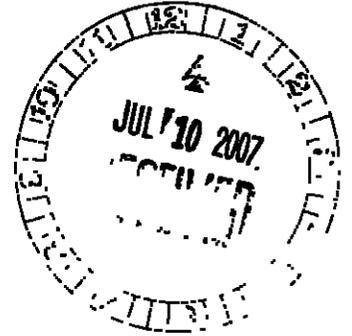


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Honorable Vernon A Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
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Re: STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 603X), CSX Transportation Inc. –
Abandonment Exemption – in Webster County WV.

Dear Secretary Williams,

The Webster County Chamber of Commerce has been negotiating with CSX Transportation Inc (“CSXT”) for interim trail use/rail banking for approximately 10.5 miles of railroad between milepost BUG-0 0 at Cowen and milepost BUG-10.5 at Bolair, in Webster County, WV, in the above-entitled proceeding. However, after considerable expense and efforts for title work and appraisals by state, federal and non-profit organization partners and work by state representatives to acquire funding for recreation improvements, CSX Real Properties has refused to respond to telephone messages or certified mail regarding the project. We have negotiated in good faith, CSXT has not

The current extension of the negotiating period expires on July 13, 2007. Because negotiations between Webster County Chamber of Commerce and its partners have now broken off with CSXT and because the Webster County Chamber of Commerce feels that no additional extensions for this negotiation are appropriate using our agency and “interim trail use/rail banking agreements” as reasons for exemption, the abandonment should now be consummated.

Thank you for your assistance and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Geary Weir
Secretary & Treasurer
Webster County Chamber of Commerce

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