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Honorable Anne K Quinlan  
Acting Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 E Street, S W  
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RE: **STB Docket No AB-565 (Sub-No 7X), New York Central Lines, LLC -  
Abandonment Exemption -in Suffolk County, MA**

Dear Acting Secretary Quinlan

On June 5, 2008, the Georgetown and High Line Railway Company, LLC ("GHL") requested a notice of interim trail use/rail banking for the Chelsea Line, approximately a 2 17-mile line that extends from Milepost QBG 5 7 near 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to Milepost QBG 7 87 near Saratoga Street, in Suffolk County, MA (the "Line"), in the above-entitled proceeding. By decision served June 10, 2008, the Surface Transportation Board granted the request.

The current negotiating period expires on December 2, 2008. GHL has been unable to finalize negotiations with CSX Transportation, Inc ("CSXT"), the successor by merger to New York Central Lines, LLC, for interim trail use/rail banking for the Line. CSXT has not consummated the abandonment. Therefore, GHL respectfully requests the Board to grant a 180-day extension of time to June 2, 2009 to negotiate trail use with CSXT. Enclosed is a check for the filing fee of \$450.

An original and 10 copies of this letter are being filed. Please time and date stamp the additional copy of this letter and return it in the enclosed stamped envelope. Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions please call or email me.

Sincerely yours,

Richard Bloch  
Attorney for Georgetown and High Line Railway  
Company, LLC

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