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Honorable Anne K. Quinlan
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423

Re: STB Docket No. AB-565 (Sub-No. 14X), *New York Central Lines, LLC – Abandonment Exemption – in Montgomery and Schenectady Counties, NY*

Dear Acting Secretary Quinlan:

The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (the “State”) requested a notice of interim trail use/rail banking for approximately 6.3 miles of railroad between milepost QGW-159.6 and milepost QGW-165.9 between South Amsterdam in Montgomery County and Rotterdam Junction in Schenectady County, New York, (the “Line”) in the above-captioned proceeding. The current extension of the negotiating period expires on December 31, 2008.

CSX Transportation, Inc. (“CSXT”), as successor by merger to New York Central Lines, LLC, hereby notifies the Board that it has entered into a purchase sale agreement for interim trail use/rail banking with the State for 5.61 miles of railroad between milepost QGW-160.29 and milepost QGW-165.3 between South Amsterdam in Montgomery County and Rotterdam Junction in Schenectady County, New York.

The portion of the Line between milepost QGW-159.6 and milepost QGW-160.29 is being reclassified as spur track and retained by CSXT for that use. Accordingly, CSXT hereby notifies the Board that it has satisfied all conditions in the April 23, 2003, decision and therefore will exercise its abandonment authority as of the date of this letter for the line segment between milepost QGW-165.4 and milepost QGW-165.9 and the line segment between milepost QGW-159.6 and QGW-160.29, which is being reclassified as spur track and will continue to be used by CSXT for that purpose.

CSXT is e-filing this letter. Thank you for your assistance and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely yours,


Kathryn R. Barney