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Via electronic filing

Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 East Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

**Re: STB Docket No. AB-565 (Sub-No. 17X), New York Central Lines, LLC
Abandonment Exemption – in Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, NY**

Dear Acting Secretary Quinlan:

Reference is hereby made to the letter request of Mr. William Steinhaus, Dutchess County Executive, on behalf of Dutchess County, New York (the "County") to the Board, dated March 12, 2009 and received by the Board on March 13, 2009, requesting a 180-day extension of the negotiating deadline in the above-entitled proceeding (which expires on March 23, 2009) to September 19, 2009 (the "Extension Request")

CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT"), as successor by merger to New York Central Lines, LLC, has not consummated the abandonment, has been unable to finalize negotiations with the County, and desires to continue to negotiate for interim trail use/rail banking with the County. Accordingly, CSXT respectfully requests the Board grant the County's request for a 180-day extension of time to September 19, 2009 to negotiate trail use with the County. Additionally, CSXT respectfully requests an extension of the date to consummate the abandonment to November 18, 2009.

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,

Kathryn R. Barney

cc: Parties of Record