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Via electronic filing

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

Re: **STB Docket No. AB-55 (682X), CSX Transportation, Inc. –
*Abandonment Exemption – in Greenbrier and Fayette Counties, WV***

Dear Acting Secretary Quinlan:

Reference is made to the letter request of Carl Thompson on behalf of the Greenbrier and Fayette County Commissions (the “Counties”) to the Board, dated August 3, 2009, requesting a 180-day extension of the NITU negotiating period (the “Extension Request”) with CSX Transportation, Inc (“CSXT”) in the above-captioned proceeding. The present NITU negotiating period is set to expire on August 24, 2009.

CSXT hereby acknowledges and concurs with the Extension Request, as it has not consummated the abandonment, has been unable to finalize negotiations with the Counties, and desires to continue to negotiate for interim trail use/rail banking with the Counties.

Accordingly, CSXT respectfully requests the Board grant the Counties’ request for a 180-day extension of time from August 24, 2009 to February 20, 2010 to negotiate trail use with the Counties. In addition, CSXT respectfully requests an extension of the date to consummate the abandonment to April 21, 2010.

CSXT is e-filing this notice. Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions please call or email me.

Very truly yours,


Kathryn R. Barney

cc: Parties of Record