

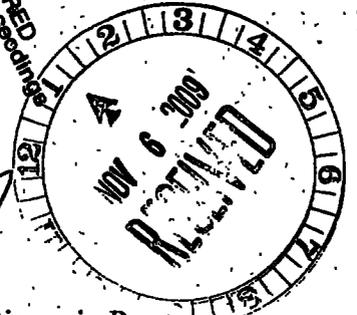
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November 3, 2009

Acting Secretary Anne Quinlan  
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Re: STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 625X), CSXT- Abandonment Exemption - in Preston County, WV

Dear Acting Secretary Quinlan:

Friends of the Cheat, Inc. requests a 180 day extension, or until May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010, of NITU status on a CSX corridor referred to as Rowlesburg to Camp Dawson, beginning at BAJ 0.0 to ending point BAJ 9.78 both in Preston County. This follows current extension of NITU dated May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and expiring November 7th 2009.

CSX Transportation, Inc. continues to express willingness to negotiate a sale of the above listed property and NITU status will facilitate this process. Friends of the Cheat acquired a private/public funding partnership with a local industry that will give us the required matching funds to seek additional funding.

Friends of the Cheat/ Preston Rail Trail Committee has also acquired an attorney who is familiar with rail trail acquisition. This attorney will be assisting us with the acquisition of two rail corridors in Preston County, one being this CSX corridor and another rail corridor that should be finalized next month.

CSXT has authorized FOC to file this request for extension and will file a letter of concurrence. Therefore, Friends of the Cheat respectfully request the NITU negotiation period be extended as set forth in the Extension Request.

Enclosed is filing fee of \$450.00. If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 304-329-3621 or email at [jlnox@cheat.org](mailto:jlnox@cheat.org)

Sincerely,

Janet Lenox  
Associate Director  
Friends of the Cheat

cc: Bruce McMahon, CSX Real Property  
Keith Pitzer, Executive Director/Friends of the Cheat

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