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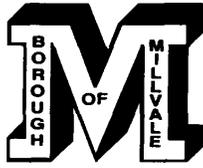
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The Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Re: **STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 606) X**
CSX Transportation, Inc. – Abandonment Exemption –
Northeast Region, Baltimore Division, P&W Subdivision,
in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania

Dear Secretary Williams:

The Borough of Millvale (the "Borough") hereby requests an extension of the Notice of Interim Trail Use ("NITU") negotiation period in the above-captioned proceeding.

By letter filed June 6, 2002, CSX Transportation, Inc. stated that it would be willing to enter into negotiations for a railbanking agreement with the Borough. On July 12, 2002, the Board issued a decision granting the Borough's NITU request and initiating a 180-day NITU negotiation period.

The parties have yet to agree upon the terms of a railbanking agreement. The NITU negotiation period will expire on January 8, 2003. Therefore, the Borough respectfully requests an extension of the NITU negotiation period until July 8, 2003, in

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order to permit additional time for negotiations. CSXT is agreeable to this request and already has submitted a letter (dated November 27, 2002) requesting an extension of the NITU negotiation period until July 8, 2003.¹

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

BOROUGH OF MILLVALE



Virginia Heller
Borough Manager

¹ By separate letter, the City of Pittsburgh is submitting an identical request in this proceeding.