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Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
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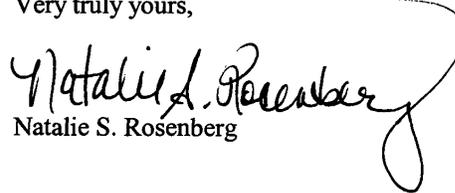
**Re: Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 621X)  
CSX Transportation, Inc. – Abandonment  
Marion County, Indiana**

Dear Mr. Williams:

By decision served on August 29, 2002, the Board imposed a trail use condition on the abandonment proceeding described above and allowed CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT") and the Indiana Trails Fund, Inc. ("ITF") until March 2, 2003 to conduct negotiations. In that CSXT and ITF have been unable to finalize a trail agreement, CSXT hereby requests an extension of the trail negotiating period. CSXT requests that the parties be permitted to continue negotiations until September 2, 2003. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this matter.

Please feel free to contact my office if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

  
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