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**RE: STB Docket No. AB-565 (Sub-No. 10X)
New York Central Lines, LLC - Abandonment
STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 616X)
CSX Transportation, Inc. – Discontinuance of Service
Exemption in Suffolk County, Massachusetts**

Dear Mr. Williams:

The City of Fitchburg and City of Leominster (collectively the "Cities") requested a notice of interim trail use in the above captioned matter that is scheduled to expire on January 23, 2004. Because CSX Transportation, Inc. on its own behalf and that of New York Central Lines, LLC (collectively "CSXT") has been unable to finalize negotiations with the Cities, CSXT hereby requests an extension of time on the trail negotiating period. Specifically, CSXT requests that the trail negotiating period be extended until July 23, 2004. Additionally, CSXT requests an extension of the consummation date until September 23, 2004. Thank you for your consideration of these matters.

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

Very truly yours,

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