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RE Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 625X), *CSX Transportation, Inc.—
Abandonment Exemption—in Preston County, WV*

Dear Secretary Williams:

The Friends of the Cheat (Friends) requested a notice of interim trail use/rail banking for approximately 14.3 miles of a line of railroad extending from milepost BAJ 0.0 at Rowlesburg to milepost BAJ 14.3 near Albright in Preston County, WV, in the above-entitled proceeding. By an extension request filed on November 21, 2005, Friends reduced the scope of the interim trail use/rail banking request to 9.8 miles between BAJ 0.0 at Rowlesburg and milepost BAJ 9.78 at Camp Dawson in Preston County, WV (the "Line"). The current extension of the negotiating period for the Line expires on May 22, 2007. CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT") has not consummated the abandonment, has been unable to finalize negotiations with Friends, and desires to continue to negotiate for interim trail use/rail banking with Friends for the Line. Therefore, CSXT respectfully requests the Board to grant a 180-day extension of time to November 18, 2007 to negotiate trail use with Friends. Additionally, CSXT respectfully requests an extension of the date to consummate the abandonment to January 17, 2008.

Enclosed are the original and 10 copies of this letter, and a filing fee of \$300. Please time and date stamp the additional copy of this letter and return it with our messenger. Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions please call or email me.

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Sincerely yours

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