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August 24, 2007

Via DHL Express – Overnight (Return Receipt Requested)

Honorable Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, D C 20423

Re: **STB Docket No. AB-565 (Sub-No. 2X)**
New York Central Lines, LLC —
Abandonment Exemption in Middlesex County, Massachusetts



Dear Secretary Williams

New York Central Lines, LLC (“NYC”) and CSX Transportation, Inc (“CSXT”) (collectively, applicants) filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances of Service for NYC to abandon and CSX I to discontinue service over approximately 4.17 miles of railroad between milepost QB11-2 60 near Sherborn and milepost QB11-6 77 near Holliston, in Middlesex County, Massachusetts. On August 31, 2001, a decision and notice of interim trail use or abandonment (“NITU”) was served, reopening the proceeding and authorizing a 180-day period for the Town of Sherborn (“Sherborn”) and the Town of Holliston (“Holliston”) to negotiate an interim trail use/rail banking agreement with applicants for the right-of-way in this proceeding. On July 14, 2006, and July 17, 2006, respectively, Sherborn and Holliston filed requests to extend the NITU negotiating period until August 27, 2007. On July 20, 2006, CSXT, as successor by merger to NYC, filed its response, stating that it concurs with the extension requests, has not consummated the abandonment, has been unable to finalize negotiations with Sherborn and Holliston, and desires to continue to negotiate interim trail use/rail banking with Sherborn and Holliston. The negotiation period under the NITU expires on August 27, 2007.

Pursuant to this letter, CSXT hereby requests another extension of the NITU negotiation expiration date of August 27, 2007, as it has not consummated the abandonment, has been unable to finalize negotiations with Sherborn and/or Holliston, and still desires to continue to negotiate interim trail use/rail banking with Sherborn and Holliston. Accordingly, CSXT respectfully request a 180-day extension of the NITU negotiation expiration date to February 23, 2008. Additionally, CSX I respectfully requests a 180-day extension of the date to consummate the abandonment to April 23, 2008.

Enclosed please find the original and ten copies of this letter, and a filing fee of \$350.00. Please time and date stamp a copy of this letter and return it with the enclosed self-addressed and stamped letter.

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Thank you for your assistance and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S.A. Armbrust', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Steven A. Armbrust

SCA/pkw

Enclosures

cc Parties of Record