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Via electronic mail

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

Re: STB Docket No. AB-565 (Sub-No. 17X), New York Central Lines, LLC –
Abandonment Exemption – in Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, NY

Dear Secretary Williams:

I am writing on behalf of Dutchess County, New York (the "County") to request an extension of the deadline for negotiations with CSX Transportation, Inc., as successor by merger to New York Central Lines, LLC, ("CSXT"), regarding the Notice of Interim Trail Use in the above-captioned proceeding with respect to the approximately 4.7 miles of railroad between milepost QCO-0.0 and milepost QCO-3.2 and between milepost QCK-29.5 and milepost QCK-31.0 in the city and town of Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, New York. The current extension of the negotiating period expires on March 28, 2008.

CSXT and the County do not anticipate being able to consummate an agreement regarding the NITU prior to the expiration of the NITU extension deadline, but wish to continue negotiations. Accordingly, the County respectfully requests a 180-day extension of the NITU negotiation deadline to July 26, 2008. CSXT has acknowledged that it will concur with this request and will file a letter of concurrence once a copy of this letter is filed with the Board.

In addition, the County respectfully requests a waiver of the Board's filing fees in accordance with 49 CFR 1002.2(e)(1).

The County is e-filing this letter. Thank you for your assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William R. Steinhaus".

**WILLIAM R. STEINHAUS
Dutchess County Executive**

C: Parties of Record