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**Via electronic filing**

Cynthia T. Brown  
Chief of the Section of Administration, Office of Proceedings  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 E Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20423

**Re: STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 670X), CSX Transportation, Inc. --  
*Abandonment Exemption – in Middlesex County, Massachusetts***

Dear Ms. Brown:

Reference is made to the letter, dated April 23, 2010 (and filed with the Board on May 6, 2010), from Martha White, Town Administrator, on behalf of The Town of Natick, Massachusetts (the "Town") requesting a 180-day extension of the NITU negotiating period (the "Extension Request") with CSX Transportation, Inc ("CSXT") in the above-captioned proceeding. The current negotiating period is set to expire on May 7, 2010.

CSXT hereby acknowledges and concurs with the Extension Request, as it has not consummated the abandonment, has been unable to finalize negotiations with the Town, and desires to continue to negotiate for interim trail use/rail banking with the Town.

Accordingly, CSXT respectfully requests the Board grant the Town's request for a 180-day extension of time to November 3, 2010 to negotiate trail use with the Town. Additionally, CSXT respectfully requests an extension of the date to consummate the abandonment to January 2, 2010.

CSXT is e-filing this letter. Thank you for your assistance and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Very truly yours,

Kathryn R. Barney

cc: Parties of Record