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Via electronic filing

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Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

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

Dear Ms. Brown:

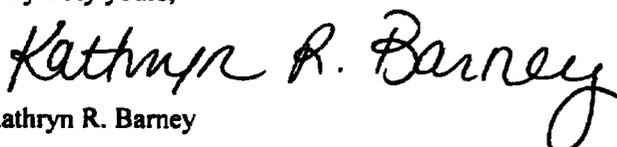
Reference is hereby made to the letter, dated December 24, 2009 (and received by the Board on December 24, 2009), from Mr. Paul D. Le Bleu, Town Administrator, on behalf of each of the Town of Holliston ("Holliston") and the Town of Sherborn ("Sherborn" and, together with Holliston, the "Towns"), to the Board requesting a five-year extension of the NITU negotiating period with respect to the line in the above-captioned proceeding.

CSX Transportation, Inc., as successor by merger to New York Central Lines, LLC ("CSXT"), does not support or agree to the Towns' request for a five-year extension of the NITU negotiating period. However, CSXT is willing to agree to a final 180-day extension with the hope that CSXT and the Towns can conclude negotiations for trail use within the NITU period, as extended.

Accordingly, CSXT consents with the Towns' request for an extension of the NITU deadline, but with respect to the length of such extension, CSXT only consents to a 180-day extension of the NITU negotiating period to August 22, 2010. Additionally, CSXT respectfully requests an extension of the date to consummate the abandonment of the line to October 21, 2010.

CSXT is e-filing this notice. Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions please call or email me.

Very truly yours,


Kathryn R. Barney

cc: Parties of Record