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

Dear Ms. Brown:

Reference is made to the letter, dated October 7, 2010 (and filed with Board on October 15, 2010), from Amanda Pitzer, Executive Director, on behalf of Friends of the Cheat, Inc. (the “Friends”) requesting a 180-day extension of the NITU negotiating period (the “Extension Request”) with respect to the line in the above-captioned proceeding. The current negotiating period is set to expire on November 2, 2010¹.

CSX Transportation, Inc. (“CSXT”) hereby acknowledges and concurs with the Extension Request, as it has not consummated the abandonment, and has been unable to finalize negotiations with Friends. Nevertheless, CSXT and Friends have continued to negotiate for trail use and desire to continue to negotiate for interim trail use/rail banking with Friends.

Accordingly, CSXT agrees to a 180-day extension of the NITU negotiating period (i.e., until May 1, 2011) to continue negotiations with Friends. CSXT also respectfully requests an extension of the date to consummate the abandonment to June 30, 2011.

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: Amanda Pitzer

¹ It appears that Friends inadvertently described the current NITU negotiating deadline to be November 3 instead of November 2, 2010.