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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-565 (Sub-No. 1X), *New York Central Lines, LLC—
Abandonment Exemption—in Middlesex County, MA***

Dear Ms. Brown:

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Reference is made to the letter, dated December 9, 2010 (and filed with the Board on December 13, 2010), from Julian M. Suso, Town Manager, on behalf of the Town of Framingham ("Framingham"), requesting a 180-day extension of the NITU negotiating deadline for the 3.4-mile portion of line (the "Framingham Line") in the above captioned matter that extends from milepost QBS 0.00 at Framingham to milepost QBS 3.40 at the Framingham town line (the "Framingham Extension Request"). (The entire line in the above captioned matter consists of a 4.80-mile line of railroad known as the Albany Division, Fitchburg Subdivision, extending from milepost QBS 0.00 at Framingham to milepost QBS 4.80 at South Sudbury, in Middlesex County, MA (the "Line").)

CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT"), as successor by merger to New York Central Lines, LLC, acknowledges the Framingham Extension Request and wishes to continue the negotiations for an NITU regarding the Framingham Line as it has not consummated the abandonment, has been unable to finalize negotiations with Framingham, and desires to continue to negotiate for interim trail use/rail banking with Framingham.¹

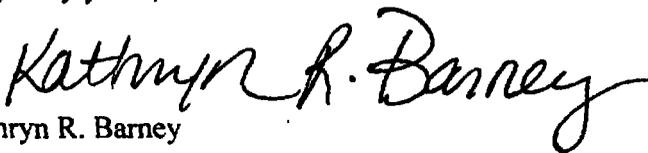
¹ The most recent extension for negotiating trail use for the Line expired on November 4, 2010 (the "Negotiating Deadline") and the current consummation deadline for consummating the abandonment is January 3, 2011; however, CSXT is still negotiating with Framingham and desires to continue such negotiations.

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Accordingly, CSXT agrees to a 180-day extension of the NITU negotiating period (i.e., until May 3, 2011)² to continue negotiations with Framingham. CSXT also respectfully requests an extension of the date to consummate the abandonment to July 2, 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: Parties of Record

² Framingham appears to have inadvertently calculated the 180-day extension of the NITU expiration date to be May 4, 2011 – as opposed to May 3, 2011. Although CSXT would accept either date as the new NITU negotiating deadline, CSXT respectfully suggests setting the date to May 3, 2011 to avoid confusion in the future.