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Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
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RE: Docket No. AB-565 (Sub-No. 14X), *New York Central Lines, LLC—
Abandonment Exemption—in Montgomery and Schenectady Counties, NY*

Dear Secretary Williams:

The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (“New York”) requested a notice of interim trail use/rail banking for approximately a 6.3-mile rail line extending from milepost QGW 159.6 to milepost QGW 165.9, between South Amsterdam in Montgomery County and Rotterdam Junction in Schenectady County, NY, in the above-entitled proceeding. The current extension of the negotiating period expires on October 21, 2004. CSX Transportation, Inc., successor by merger to New York Central Lines, LLC (“CSXT”) has not consummated the abandonment, has been unable to finalize negotiations with the New York, and desires to continue to negotiate for interim trail use/rail banking with the New York. Therefore, CSXT respectfully requests the Board to grant a six month extension of time to April 21, 2005 to negotiate trail use with New York. Additionally, CSXT respectfully requests an extension of the date to consummate the abandonment to June 21, 2005.

Enclosed are the original and 10 copies of this letter, and a filing fee of \$300. Please time and date stamp the additional copy of this letter and return it with our messenger. Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions please call or email me.

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Sincerely yours,

Louis E. Gitomer
Attorney for: CSX Transportation, Inc.

cc: Mr. Lewis

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