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RE: Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 613X), *CSX Transportation, Inc.* —
Abandonment Exemption—in Jefferson County, AL

Dear Secretary Williams:

The Jefferson County Commission (the "County") requested a notice of interim trail use/rail banking for approximately a 16.47-mile rail line extending from milepost ONC 384.00 at Black Creek to milepost ONJ 400.47 at West Jefferson, in Jefferson County, AL, in the above-entitled proceeding. The current extension of the negotiating period expires on October 16, 2004. CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT") has not consummated the abandonment, has been unable to finalize negotiations with the County, and desires to continue to negotiate for interim trail use/rail banking with the County. Therefore, CSXT respectfully requests the Board to grant a six month extension of time to April 16, 2005 to negotiate trail use with County. Additionally, CSXT respectfully requests an extension of the date to consummate the abandonment to June 16, 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.

Sincerely yours,

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

cc: Ms. Buckelew

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