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DIRECTOR

**STATE OF ALABAMA**

August 8, 2013

Ms. Rachel D. Campbell  
Office of Proceedings  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 E Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Dear Ms. Campbell:

Re: Request for 180-day NITU Extension for Negotiations  
*Wiregrass Central Railway, LLC – Abandonment Exemption – In Coffee County,  
Alabama; STB Docket Number AB-1077X*

This request is filed by the Alabama Trails Commission, a public entity, hereinafter referred to as the "Proponent." The Proponent remains engaged in discussions with Wiregrass Central Railway, LLC ("Wiregrass Railway") toward the desired outcome for all parties, which is an agreement regarding acquisition and trail use of the line by the Proponent.

On February 22, 2012, the STB granted the Proponent's request to impose interim trail use/rail banking to allow for negotiating the acquisition of the line for trail use expiring August 20, 2012. Subsequent time extensions were granted on August 27, 2012 and February 16, 2013. The Proponent hereby requests an additional 180-day period in which to continue negotiations with Wiregrass Railway. Wiregrass Railway is amenable to this extension and continued negotiations. Thank you for your consideration.

By my signature below, I certify service of a copy of this statement upon Wiregrass Railway by US Mail, postage pre-paid, first class, this 8th day of August 2013:

Ms. Melanie B. Yasbin  
Law Offices of Louis E. Gitomer, LLC  
600 Baltimore Avenue, Suite 301  
Towson, Maryland 21204-4022

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jim Byard, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

Jim Byard, Jr.  
Director  
On behalf of the Alabama Trails Commission

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