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Dear Members of the Board,

Re: Request for 180-day NITU Extension for Negotiations December 18th, 2014
*Alabama and Florida Railway Co., Inc - CSX – Abandonment Exemption – In Geneva,
Coffee and Covington Counties, Al.;* STB Docket Number AB (Sub-No. 1073X)

This request was filed by the Alabama Trails Commission, a public entity, hereinafter referred to as the "proponent." The proponent remains engaged in discussions with CSX Railway and Alabama –Florida RailWay toward the desired outcome for all parties, which is an agreement regarding acquisition and trail use of the line and any interconnecting lines owned by CSX.

On December 19th, the proponent was notified by STB to continue notifying Alabama – Florida RailWay of the on-going requests. A certified letter was sent to Alabama – Florida RailWay on December 20th by way of William A. Mullins and Robert a. Wimbish at Baker and Miller PLLC at the address below. The letter was returned to the proponent on January 28th, 2015 by the US Post Office. At that time the proponent asked CSX if they had another address or different way of connecting with Alabama – Florida RailWay.

On February 18th, 2015 the proponent was notified by CSX of the February 5th, 2015 STB meeting and subsequent ruling. Due to the time frame in the ruling, with a deadline of February 19th, the proponent talked with Mr. Dan LaKemper with Alabama – Florida RailWay. During that conversation, Alabama – Florida RailWay agree to the next extension. It was also

determined that we will continue discussions to find a resolution to their issue of continued liability.

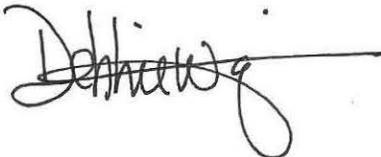
The STB has granted the proponent's request in the past to impose interim trail use/rail banking to allow for negotiating the acquisition of the line for trail use. We hope that the Board will understand the dilemma that the proponent had and will continue the NITU. CSX is amenable to this extension and continued negotiations.

By my signature below, I certify service of a copy of this statement upon the attorneys for and to the STB by E file, CSX by E-file and to Alabama - Florida RailWay by E-file.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Debbie W. Quinn", with a long horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the signature.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie W. Quinn, Chairman