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

Re: Request for 180-day NITU Extension for Negotiations
Alabama & Florida Railway Co., Inc. – Abandonment Exemption – In Geneva,
Coffee and Covington Counties, Alabama; STB Docket Number AB-1073X

Dear Ms. Campbell:

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 CSXT toward the desired outcome for all parties, which is an agreement regarding acquisition and trail use of the line by the Proponent.

On May 22, 2013, 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 October 16, 2013. The proponent hereby requests an additional 180-day period in which to continue negotiations with CSXT. CSXT 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 CSXT and the Alabama & Florida Railway ("A&F") by U. S. Mail, postage pre-paid, first class, this 8th day of October 2013.

Sincerely,

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

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