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RE: Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 726X), *CSX Transportation, Inc.—  
Abandonment and Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in the City of  
Richmond and Henrico County, VA*

**EXPEDITED HANDLING REQUESTED**

Dear Ms. Brown:

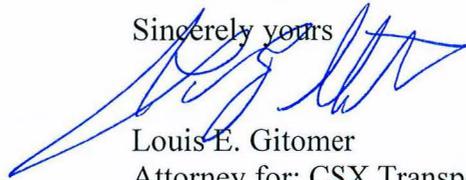
CSX Transportation, Inc. (“CSXT”) respectfully requests that the Surface Transportation Board (the “Board”) vacate the Notice of Interim Trail Use (“NITU”) served in *CSX Transportation, Inc.—Abandonment and Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in the City of Richmond and Henrico County, VA*, Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 726X) (served June 6, 2013) authorizing CSXT and Norfolk Southern Railway Company (“NS”) (1) to abandon and discontinue service over a 1.55-mile railroad line known as the James River Industrial Track, between State Road 5 and the end of the line, located in the City of Richmond and Henrico County, Va. (the “Line”) and (2) to negotiate interim trail use/rail banking with The City of Richmond, VA (“Richmond”) for a 0.468-mile portion of the Line extending from the City of Richmond-Henrico County boundary line to the northern end of the Line and the Virginia Department of Transportation (“VDOT”) for a 0.650-mile portion of the Line extending from the City of Richmond-Henrico County boundary line to the southern end of the Line. The negotiating period has been extended by decisions served on December 24, 2013, June 5, 2014, August 5, 2014, December 22, 2014, and February 18, 2015. The current deadline to complete negotiations with Richmond is July 11, 2015 and with VDOT is May 27, 2015.

CSXT, Richmond, and VDOT have negotiated in good faith, but have not been able to come to agreement within the strictures of 49 CFR 1152.29. Therefore, the parties have agreed to pursue negotiations outside the requirements of 49 CFR 1152.29. In order to expedite those negotiations, CSXT requests that the Board reopen the abandonment proceeding, vacate the Notice of Interim Tail Use for the Line, and issue a decision permitting the immediate abandonment and discontinuance of service of the Line. See 49 CFR 1152.29(h).

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CSXT is efilng this letter. Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions please call or email us.

Sincerely yours



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