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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 120-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 is engaged in discussions with Alabama & Florida Railway ("A&F") and CSX Transportation ("CSXT") toward the desired outcome for all parties, which is an agreement regarding acquisition and trail use of the line by the Proponent.

On November 18, 2013, the STB denied the Proponent's request to extend the time period for negotiating the acquisition of the line for trail use expiring October 16, 2013. The Proponent has discussed the status of interim trail use negotiations with A&F, and hereby requests an additional 120-day period in which to continue negotiations with A&F and CSXT. This extension will expire April 15, 2014. Copies of filings from both A&F and CSXT indicate that all parties are 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 A&F and CSXT by U S Mail, postage pre-paid, first class, this 16th day of December, 2013.

Sincerely,

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

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