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Via electronic filing

Cynthia T. Brown
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Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

**Re: Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 613X), CSX Transportation, Inc. —
Abandonment Exemption—in Jefferson County, Alabama**

Dear Ms. Brown:

Reference is made to the letter, dated March 10, 2011 (and received by the Board on March 15, 2011), from Mayor Jim Lowery, on behalf of City of Fultondale (the “City”) to the Board, requesting a 180-day extension of the NITU negotiating period with respect to the line in the above-captioned proceeding.¹

CSX Transportation, Inc. (“CSXT”) has not consummated the abandonment, has been unable to finalize negotiations with the City, and desires to continue to negotiate for interim trail use/rail banking with the City. Therefore, CSXT agrees to a 180-day extension of the NITU negotiating period (i.e., until September 11, 2011)² to continue negotiations with the City.

CSXT is e-filing this notice. Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions please call or email me.

Very truly yours,


Kathryn R. Barney

cc: Jim Lowery

¹ The most recent NITU negotiating period expired on March 15, 2011 and the current consummation deadline for consummating the abandonment is May 14, 2011.

² It appears that the City inadvertently described the current NITU negotiating deadline as “March 20, 2011” as opposed to “March 15, 2011”.