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Re: **Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 718X), CSX Transportation, Inc.—Abandonment Exemption—in Alachua County, FL**

Dear Ms. Brown:

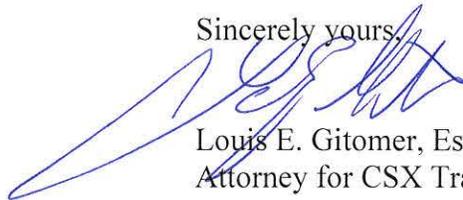
CSX Transportation, Inc. (“CSXT”) agrees to the request in the letter filed August 8, 2016 by Alachua County, FL (“Alachua”) seeking a 180-day extension of time from the September 2, 2016 deadline to negotiate interim trail use/railbanking for the approximately 11.62 miles of rail line on Southern Region, Jacksonville Division, West Coast Subdivision, between milepost AR 716.88, at High Springs, and milepost AR 726.69, at Newberry, and milepost ARB 717.11, a High Springs, and milepost ARB 718.92, at High Springs, in Alachua County, FL (the “Line”). CSXT has not consummated abandonment of the Line.

CSXT agrees to the requested extension of the interim trails use/rail banking negotiation period until March 1, 2017.

As provided in 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29(e)(2), the extension of the trail negotiation period until March 1, 2017, creates a regulatory barrier to consummation of the abandonment, which provides CSXT with an additional 60 days to consummate the abandonment to April 30, 2017, if trail negotiation is unsuccessful. CSXT respectfully request that the Board confirm that the extension of the consummation period as provided in the regulations applies in this instance.

This letter is being efiled. Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions please call or email me.

Sincerely yours,



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