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RE: **Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 625X), CSX Transportation, Inc.—
*Abandonment Exemption—in Preston County, WV***

Dear Ms. Brown:

CSX Transportation, Inc. (“CSXT”) has been negotiating interim trail use/rail banking with the Friends of the Cheat, Inc. (“Friends”) for a 9.8-mile rail line between milepost BAJ 0.0 at Rowlesburg and milepost BAJ 9.78 at Camp Dawson in Preston County, WV (the “Line”). Most recently, the Surface Transportation Board (the “Board”) extended the time for CSXT and Friends to negotiate until October 22, 2012. See *CSX Transportation, Inc.—Abandonment Exemption—in Preston County, WV*, Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 625X) (served June 15, 2012).

On July 2, 2012, Friends filed a letter with the Board indicating that (1) the West Virginia State Rail Authority (“West Virginia”) would become the trail user for a 6.78-mile portion of the Line between Manheim, WV, milepost BAJ 3.0, and Preston, WV, milepost BAJ 9.78 (the “West Virginia Trail”), and (2) Greer Industries, Inc. (“Greer”) would acquire the 3.0-mile portion of the Line between Rowlesburg, WV, milepost BAJ 0.0, and Manheim, WV, milepost 3.0, as an active rail line (the “Greer Line”).

West Virginia filed a letter on August 13, 2012 stating that it had agreed to become the owner of the West Virginia Trail for interim trail use. By letter filed on October 1, 2012, Greer stated that it intends to operate the Greer Line as a rail line and not convert it to a trail. In addition, Greer included a Statement of Willingness to Assume Financial Responsibility (“SWAFR”) for the Greer Line to establish trail use. On November 16, 2012, West Virginia filed a SWAFR in order to establish interim trail use/rail banking over the West Virginia Trail.

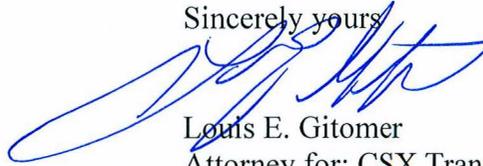
CSXT is willing to continue to negotiate for the transfer of (1) the Line to Friends for interim trail use/rail banking, (2) the West Virginia Trail to West Virginia for interim trail use/rail banking, and (3) the Greer Line to Greer for interim trail use/rail banking or

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use as a railroad line. CSXT needs to complete these negotiations and ensure that the resulting agreements meet the needs of all of the parties as well as the statutes and Board's regulations. Therefore, CSXT also consents to the extension of the negotiation period for interim trail use/rail banking over the Line with all of the parties until April 20, 2013 (180 days after October 22, 2012).

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

Sincerely yours



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cc: Ms. Pitzer – Friends of the Cheat
Ms. Wilson – Greer Industries, Inc.
Ms. Butler – West Virginia State Rail Authority