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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown  
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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*  
Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 303X), *Norfolk Southern Railway  
Company—Abandonment and Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in  
the City of Richmond and Henrico County, VA*

Dear Ms. Brown:

CSXT Transportation, Inc. (“CSXT”) and Norfolk Southern Railway Company (“NSR”) respond to the December 2, 2013 letter filings of the Virginia Department of Transportation (“VDOT”) and City of Richmond (“Richmond”) in which each state subdivision seeks an extension of time to negotiate interim trail use/rail banking for the rail line the (“Line”) that is the subject of the above-referenced abandonment proceedings.

CSXT and NSR agree to the requested extension of the interim trails use/rail banking negotiation period until June 1, 2014. CSXT and NSR have not consummated abandonment of the Line.

As provided in 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29(e)(2), the extension of the trail negotiation period until June 1, 2014, creates a regulatory barrier to consummation of the abandonment, which provides CSXT and NSR with an additional 60 days to consummate the abandonment to July 31, 2014, if trail negotiation is unsuccessful. CSXT and NSR 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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