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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
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RE: **Docket No. AB-1073X, Alabama & Florida Railway Co., Inc.—Abandonment
Exemption—in Geneva, Coffee and Covington Counties, Ala.**

Dear Ms. Brown:

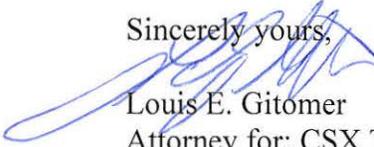
CSX Transportation, Inc. (“CSXT”) responds to the letter dated March 8, 2016 by the Alabama Trails Commission (“ATC”) seeking an extension of time to negotiate interim trail use/rail banking (copy attached).

As the owner of the real estate underlying the Line, CSXT agrees with the six-month extension of time from April 14, 2016 to October 14, 2016 to negotiate interim trail use/rail banking for the 42.9-mile line of railroad between Andalusia, AL, milepost 581.3, and Geneva, AL, milepost 624.2 (the “Line”). CSXT sold the track and materials and the common carrier obligation to the predecessor of the Alabama & Florida Railway Co., Inc. (“A&F”) while retaining ownership of the real estate and leasing it to A&F. A&F has not consummated the abandonment of the Line. The Amendment to the Conditional Lease dated February 16, 2012 between CSXT and A&F is still effective.

As provided in 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), the extension of the trail negotiation period until October 14, 2016, creates a regulatory barrier to consummation of the abandonment, which provides A&F with an additional 60 days to consummate the abandonment to December 13, 2016, if trail negotiation is unsuccessful. CSXT respectfully requests that the Board confirm that the extension of the consummation period applies in this instance.

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

Sincerely yours,


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cc: Ms. Quinn
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March 8, 2016

Surface Transportation Board
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Dear Members of the Board,

Re: Request for 6 month NITU Extension for Negotiations
*Alabama and Florida Railway Co., Inc - CSX – Abandonment Exemption – In Geneva,
Coffee and Covington Counties, Al.; STB Docket Number AB (Sub-No. 1073X)*

This request is filed by the Alabama Trails Commission, a public entity, hereinafter referred to as the "proponent." The proponent remains engaged in discussions with CSX Railway and Alabama–Florida Railway toward the desired outcome for all parties, which is an agreement regarding acquisition and trail use of the rail line and any interconnecting lines owned by CSX.

The STB has granted the proponent's request in the past to impose interim trail use/rail banking to allow for negotiating the acquisition of the line for trail use. We are actively engaged in an appraisal process with a funding agency and will need time to finish this process. We hope that the Board will continue to grant the NITU. CSX and A-F Railway is amenable to this extension and continued negotiations. We would like a 6 month extension to give us more time with the funding agency.

By my signature below, I certify service of a copy of this statement upon the STB by E file, CSX by E-file and to Alabama - Florida Railway by E-file.

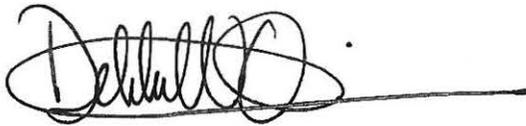
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Debbie W. Quinn", followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie W. Quinn, Chairman
Alabama Trails Commission