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***RE: CSX Transportation, Inc., Abandonment Exemption in Raleigh County, West Virginia,  
STB Docket No. AB 55 (Sub-No. 741X)***

Dear Ms. Brown,

Per STB staff request to proponent (New River Gorge Regional Development Authority - NRGRDA), the following amendments are presented:

**ACTUAL MILEAGE REQUEST:**

It is confirmed the requested mileage is 15.12 miles in NITU filing. It encompasses approximately 15.12 miles of rail line between milepost CLP 0.0 and milepost 15.12 near Whitesville, in Raleigh County, West Virginia.

**PUBLIC USE CONDITION:**

It is confirmed a 120-day public use condition is requested, not 180-days. This period of time was established in consultation with CSX Transportation, Inc.

**INTERIM TRAIL USE NEGOTIATION:**

A period of 180-day is requested, which was determined in consultation with CSX Transportation, Inc.

**WHAT IS A DRAISINE:**

Using terms and definitions from the internet, primarily Wikipedia, a draisine is a light auxiliary vehicle used on rails. In the United States, motor-powered draisines are known as speeders while human-powered ones are referred as handcars. Vehicles that can be driven on both the highway and the rail line are called hy-rails, or more properly, road-rail vehicles. Draisines are used for recreation on several unused railway lines in Germany, Sweden, Norway, Poland and some other European countries.

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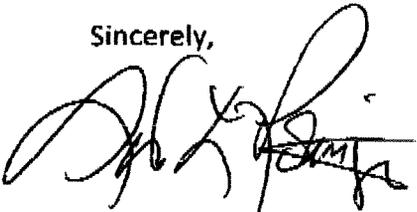
To view examples of contemporary uses for draisines, please visit [www.YouTube.com](http://www.YouTube.com) and type "draisine" in the Search Box.

"A speeder (also known as railway motor car, putt-putt, track-maintenance car, crew car, jigger, trike, quad, trolley or inspection car, and also known as a draisine although that can also be unpowered) is a maintenance of way motorized vehicle formerly used on railroads around the world by track inspectors and work crews to move quickly to and from work sites. Although it is slow compared to a train or car, it is called *speeder* because it is faster than a human-powered vehicle. Motorized inspection cars date back to at least 1896, when it was reported that the U.S. Daimler Motor Company created a gasoline powered rail inspection car capable of 15mph."

"In the 1990s, speeders were replaced with trucks (usually pickup trucks or sport utility vehicles) using flanged wheels that could be lowered for on-rail (called rail-road vehicles or hi-rails for highway-railroad). In the US, the North American Railcar Operators Association organizes excursions for speeders refurbished by hobbyists." <http://www.narcoa.org/>

Please don't hesitate contacting me if I can be of any further assistance. My personal phone number: (276) 732 - 5359

Sincerely,



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On behalf of New River Gorge Regional Development Authority

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CSX Transportation, Inc.