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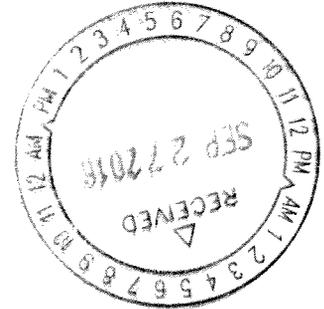
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Daniel R. Elliott III, Chairman
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: CSXT proposed Abandonment in Carroll County, Indiana;
Docket No. AB 55 (Sub-No. 401); the Monon High Bridge, MP 113.0

Dear Chairman Elliott:

On behalf of the Carroll County Wabash & Erie Canal, Inc. (CCW&EC) and with the organization's full support cooperation, I respectfully submit this request to the Surface Transportation Board (STB) for a 180-day extension of the Certificate of Interim Trail Use or Abandonment associated with the above referenced proceeding. The certificate was first approved by the STB on September 23, 2015 and extended for 180 days on March 23, 2016. The requested extension will provide the necessary time for the trail use agreement to be finalized and executed.

In addition to the extension request, I also respectfully request the STB's approval of Indiana Landmarks assuming CCW&EC's role as trail user. With my recommendation, the Board of Directors of Indiana Landmarks recently approved our organization enjoining in the current Monon High Bridge effort and assuming ownership of the bridge and approach from CSXT by entering into the trail use agreement once finalized. This decision comes with the full support of the CCW&EC. Indiana Landmarks is a statewide nonprofit preservation organization with the resources necessary to see this ongoing effort to a successful conclusion. Indiana Landmarks is also a concurring party to the Wildcat Creek Bridge MOA through which the proposed

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ownership transfer of the Monon High Bridge and approach from CSXT to a qualified nonprofit was established and the above referenced proceeding is associated.

After nearly four years, CSXT and Indiana Landmarks with the support of CCW&EC and other local organizations are within days of executing the necessary agreements to finally move this preservation effort forward. It is my sincere hope the STB will approve the requested extension and will authorize Indiana Landmarks as the trail user for this proceeding.

I will submit today via postal mail the original hard copies of this request letter and that of the CCW&EC along with a check for the \$450 filing fee.

By my signature below, I certify service upon CSXT c/o Mr. Louis Gitomer, 600 Baltimore Avenue, Suite 301, Towson, Maryland 21204-4022, by U.S. Mail, postage pre-paid first class, this 22st day of September 2016.

Respectfully,



Tommy Kleckner, Director

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