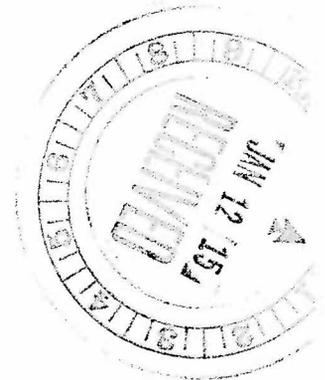




SHERMAN GUYTON
Mayor

City of Gadsden

P.O. Box 267
Gadsden, AL 35902-0267
Phone 256.549.4646
Fax 256.549.4565



January 7, 2015

237438

237440

ENTERED

Office of Proceedings

January 12, 2015

Part of

Public Record

Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

**RE: Request for 180-day NITU Extension for Negotiations
TENNESSEE, ALABAMA, AND GEORGIA RAILWAY COMPANY ABANDONMENT
EXEMPTION—IN GADSDEN, ETOWAH COUNTY, ALA.; Docket Number: AB_290_335_X and
AB_290_340_X**

Dear Members of the Surface Transportation Board:

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

The Proponent hereby requests an additional 180-day period in which to continue negotiations with the Tennessee, Alabama and Georgia Railway Company, a totally owned subsidiary of Norfolk Southern Railroad Company. Norfolk Southern is amenable to this extension and continued negotiations with the City of Gadsden and the Alabama Trails Commission. Thank you for your consideration.

By my signature below, I service a copy of this statement upon Norfolk Southern Railroad Company by e-mail. This letter will be E-filed by the City of Gadsden to the Surface Transportation Board and registered mail to N/S attorneys.

Sincerely,

Sherman Guyton, Mayor

FILING FEE WAIVED

City of Champions