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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
Chief of the Section of Administration, Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D. C. 20423

RE: STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 699X), *CSX Transportation, Inc. –
Abandonment Exemption –in McMinn County, TN*

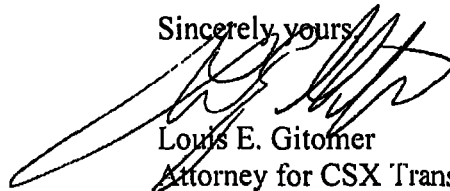
Dear Ms. Brown:

By letter filed on February 6, 2012, the City of Athens (the “City”) requested the Surface Transportation Board (the “Board”) to extend the time period for the City to negotiate interim trail use/rail banking with CSX Transportation, Inc. (“CSXT”) for the 0.22-mile rail line on CSXT’s Southern Region, Huntington-West Division, KD Subdivision, between OKW 333.40 and milepost OKW 333.62 in Athens, McMinn County, TN (the “Line”) until August 29, 2012.

In *CSX Transportation, Inc.-Abandonment Exemption-in McMinn County*, STB Docket No. AB 55 (Sub-No. 699X) (STB served October 25, 2011), the Board extended the period to negotiate interim trail use/rail banking to April 28, 2012. By this letter, CSXT notifies the Board that it agrees to a 180-day extension of the negotiation period requested by the City from April 28, 2012 until October 25, 2012. As provided in 49 C.F.R. §1152.29(e)(2), the extension of the trail negotiation period until October 25, 2012, creates a regulatory barrier to consummation of the abandonment, which provides CSXT with an additional 60 days to consummate the abandonment to December 24, 2012, if trail negotiation is unsuccessful. CSXT respectfully requests that the Board confirm that the extension of the consummation period as provided in the regulations applies in this instance.

CSXT is efilng this letter. Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions please contact me.

Sincerely yours,



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Cc: Mr. Casteel

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