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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
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Surface Transportation Board
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RE: Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 694X), *CSX Transportation, Inc. –
Abandonment Exemption—in McMinn County, TN*

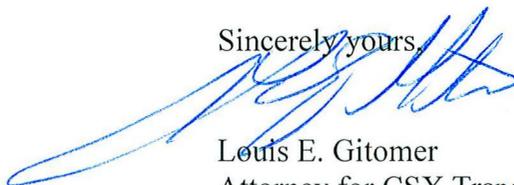
Dear Ms. Brown:

By letter filed August 7, 2013, McMinn County, TN (the “County”) requested that the Surface Transportation Board (the “Board”) extend the time period for the County to negotiate interim trail use/rail banking with CSX Transportation, Inc. (“CSXT”) for the Southern Region, Huntington-West Division, KD Subdivision between Englewood, milepost OKW 327, and Athens, milepost OKW 333.4, including the spurs located near milepost OKW 332, in McMinn County, TN (the “Line”).

In *CSX Transportation, Inc.-Abandonment Exemption-in McMinn County, Tenn.*, STB Docket No. AB 55 (Sub-No. 694X) (STB served February 12, 2013), the Board extended the period to negotiate interim trail use/rail banking to August 22, 2013. By this letter, CSXT notifies the Board that it agrees to a 180-day extension of the negotiation period requested by the City from August 22, 2013 until February 18, 2014. As provided in 49 C.F.R. §1152.29(e)(2), the extension of the trail negotiation period until February 18, 2014, creates a regulatory barrier to consummation of the abandonment, which provides CSXT with an additional 60 days to consummate the abandonment to April 19, 2014, 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.

This letter is being efiled. Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions please call or email me.

Sincerely yours,



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Cc: Mayor Gentry