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**Via electronic filing**

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395 E Street, SW  
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**Re: Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 694X), CSX Transportation, Inc. —  
Abandonment Exemption—in McMinn County, Tennessee**

Dear Ms. Brown:

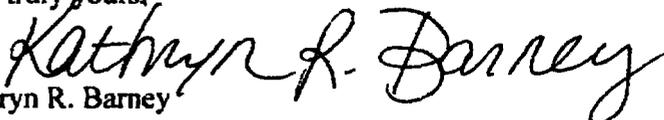
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Reference is made to the letter, dated February 21, 2011 (and received by the Board on February 28, 2011), from Mr. John M. Gentry, McMinn County Mayor, on behalf of McMinn County, Tennessee (the "County") to the Board, requesting a 180-day extension of the NITU negotiating deadline (the "Extension Request") with respect to the line in the above-captioned proceeding. The present NITU negotiating period is set to expire on March 6, 2011.

CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT") has not consummated the abandonment, has been unable to finalize negotiations with the County, and desires to continue to negotiate for interim trail use/rail banking with the County. Therefore, CSXT agrees to a 180-day extension of time to September 2, 2011 to continue negotiations with the County.

CSXT is e-filing this notice. Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions please call or email me.

Very truly yours,

  
Kathryn R. Barney

cc: John M. Gentry