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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: **Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 729X), CSX Transportation, Inc.—Abandonment Exemption—in Hagerstown, Washington County, MD**

Dear Ms. Brown:

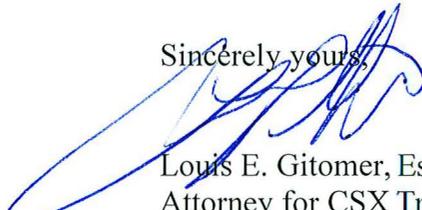
CSXT Transportation, Inc. (“CSXT”) responds to the July 9, 2014 letter filing of the City of Hagerstown, Maryland (“Hagerstown”) in which Hagerstown seeks an extension of time to negotiate interim trail use/rail banking for an approximately 0.90-mile rail line on its Northern Region, Baltimore Division, Lurgan Subdivision, between milepost BBT 3.9, at the connection to the CSXT main line, and the end of track at railroad milepost BBT 3.0, at Alternate Route US 40 south of Eastern Boulevard South in Hagerstown, Washington County, MD (the “Line”). Hagerstown has also requested an extension of the 180-day public use condition.

CSXT agrees to the requested extension of the interim trails use/rail banking negotiation period until April 1, 2015. CSXT has not consummated abandonment of the Line. CSXT opposes the extension of the public use condition because the 180-day statutory time period for that condition has expired.

As provided in 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29(e)(2), the extension of the trail negotiation period until April 15, 2015, creates a regulatory barrier to consummation of the abandonment, which provides CSXT with an additional 60 days to consummate the abandonment to June 14, 2015, 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 contact me.

Sincerely yours,



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Cc: Mayor David S. Gysberts