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Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
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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:

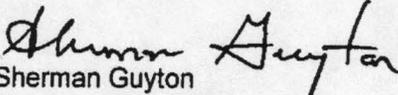
This request is filed by the City of Gadsden, a public entity, hereinafter referred to as the "proponent." The proponent remains engaged in discussions with The Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia Railway Company and the Alabama Trails Commission toward the desired outcome for all parties, which is an agreement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

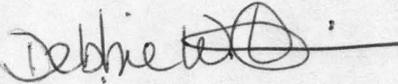
We would like to replace the City of Gadsden (original proponent of these negotiations) with the Alabama Trails Commission. From this day forward, the Alabama Trails Commission will be the 'proponent' for these discussions on behalf of the City of Gadsden.

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

Sincerely,


Sherman Guyton
Mayor


Chairman,
Alabama Trails Commission