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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. 741X), CSX Transportation, Inc.—Abandonment Exemption—in the Raleigh County, W. Va.**

Dear Ms. Brown:

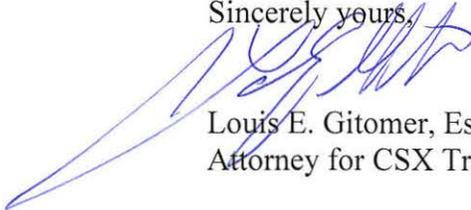
CSXT Transportation, Inc. (“CSXT”) responds to the letter filed April 18, 2016 by the New River Gorge Regional Development Authority (the “Authority”) in which the Authority seeks an extension of the April 24, 2016 deadline to negotiate interim trail use/rail banking for the approximately 15.12-mile rail line on the Southern Region, Huntington East Division, Big Marsh Fork Subdivision, former Jarrolds Valley Subdivision, between milepost CLP 0.0 and milepost CLP 15.12 near Whitesville, in Raleigh County, WV (the “Line”) that is the subject of the above-referenced abandonment proceeding.

CSXT agrees to the requested 180-day extension of the interim trails use/rail banking negotiation period until October 21, 2016. CSXT has not consummated abandonment of the Line.

As provided in 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29(e)(2), the extension of the trail negotiation period until October 21, 2016, creates a regulatory barrier to consummation of the abandonment, which provides CSXT with an additional 60 days to consummate the abandonment to December 20, 2016, 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.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely yours,

  
Louis E. Gitomer, Esq.  
Attorney for CSX Transportation, Inc.

Cc: Mr. Wykle