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

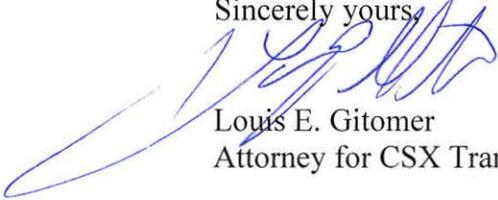
Dear Ms. Brown:

By letter filed July 13, 2014, the City of Athens, GA, on behalf of 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 a portion of the Southern Region, Huntington-West Division, KD Subdivision between Englewood, milepost OKW 327.0 and milepost OKW 328.47 (the “Line”).

In *CSX Transportation, Inc.-Abandonment Exemption-in McMinn County, Tenn.*, STB Docket No. AB 55 (Sub-No. 694X) (STB served February 13, 2015), the Board extended the period to negotiate interim trail use/rail banking to August 12, 2015. CSXT has not consummated the abandonment of the Line. By this letter, CSXT agrees to a 180-day extension of the negotiation period requested by the County until February 8, 2016. As provided in 49 C.F.R. §1152.29(e)(2), the extension of the trail negotiation period until February 8, 2016, creates a regulatory barrier to consummation of the abandonment, which provides CSXT with an additional 60 days to consummate the abandonment to April 8, 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.

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: Mr. Fesmire