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Ms. Rachel D. Campbell, Director
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Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: Request for 180-day NITU Extension for Negotiations
*Alabama & Florida Railway Co., Inc. – Abandonment Exemption – In Geneva,
Coffee and Covington Counties, Alabama; STB Docket Number AB-1073X*

Dear Ms. Campbell:

This request is filed by the Alabama Trails Commission, a public entity, hereinafter referred to as the "proponent." The proponent remains engaged in discussions with CSXT toward the desired outcome for all parties, which is an agreement regarding acquisition and trail use of the line by the proponent.

On October 19, 2012, the Surface Transportation Board granted the proponent's request to impose interim trail use/rail banking to allow for negotiating the acquisition of the line for trail use expiring April 19, 2013. The proponent hereby requests an additional 180-day period in which to continue negotiations with CSXT. CSXT is amenable to this extension and continued negotiations. Thank you for your consideration, and we apologize for this late filing.

By my signature below, I certify service of a copy of this statement upon CSXT and the Alabama & Florida Railway ("A&F") by U S Mail, postage pre-paid, first class, this 3rd day of May, 2013.

Sincerely,



Jim Byard, Jr.
Director

On behalf of the Alabama Trails Commission

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