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Re: **Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 734X), CSX Transportation, Inc.—Abandonment Exemption—in Hamilton, Butler County, OH**

Dear Ms. Brown:

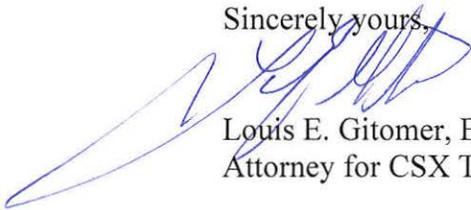
CSXT Transportation, Inc. (“CSXT”) responds to the letter dated April 19, 2016 by the City of Hamilton, Ohio (“Hamilton”) (copy enclosed) in which Hamilton seeks an extension of the May 12, 2016 deadline to negotiate interim trail use/rail banking for the approximately 2.96-mile rail line on CSXT’s Northern Region, Louisville Division, Indianapolis Subdivision between milepost BDA 0.0 and the end of track at approximately milepost BDA 2.96 in Hamilton, Butler County, OH (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 November 8, 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 November 8, 2016, creates a regulatory barrier to consummation of the abandonment, which provides CSXT with an additional 60 days to consummate the abandonment to January 7, 2017, 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,



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Re: CSX Transportation, Inc. – Hamilton Beltline Abandonment in Butler County, Ohio, STB
Docket Number AB-55 (Sub-No. 734x) ID 235785

Dear Ms. Brown:

This request is filed on behalf of City of Hamilton, Ohio (Proponent) to request an extension of the deadline for negotiations with CSX Transportation, Inc. regarding the Notice of Interim Trail Use in the above-noted proceeding with respect to the rail line on the CSX Northern Region, Louisville Division, Indianapolis Subdivision between milepost BDA 0.0 and the end of its track at approximately milepost BDA 2.96 in Hamilton, Butler County, Ohio. The current negotiation period expires on May 15, 2016.

CSX Transportation, Inc. and the Proponent do not anticipate being able to consummate an agreement regarding the NITU prior to the expiration of the NITU deadline, but wish to continue negotiations. Accordingly, Proponent requests a 180-day extension of the NITU negotiation deadline to November 11, 2016. CSX Transportation, Inc. has verbally acknowledged that it will concur with this request, and is expected to file a letter of concurrence once a copy of this letter is filed with the Board.

In addition, Proponent respectfully requests a waiver of the Board's filing fees in accordance with 49 CFR 1002.2(e)(1)

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Werdmann
Director of Human Resources
On Behalf of the City of Hamilton

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