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RE: **Docket No. AB-1073X, *Alabama & Florida Railway Co., Inc.—Abandonment Exemption—in Geneva, Coffee and Covington Counties, Ala.***

Dear Ms. Brown:

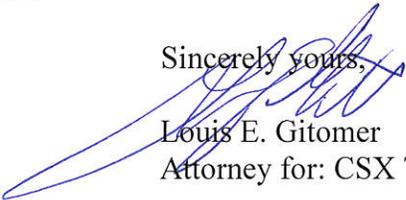
CSX Transportation, Inc. (“CSXT”) responds to the letter filed by the Alabama Trails Commission (“ATC”) on November 16, 2015 seeking an extension of time to negotiate interim trail use/rail banking.

As the owner of the real estate underlying the Line, CSXT agrees with the 180-day extension of time from October 17, 2015 to April 14, 2016 to negotiate interim trail use/rail banking for the 42.9-mile line of railroad between Andalusia, AL, milepost 581.3, and Geneva, AL, milepost 624.2 (the “Line”). CSXT sold the track and materials and the common carrier obligation to the predecessor of the Alabama & Florida Railway Co., Inc. (“A&F”) while retaining ownership of the real estate and leasing it to A&F. A&F has not consummated the abandonment of the Line. The Amendment to the Conditional Lease entered on February 16, 2012 between CSXT and A&F is still effective.

As provided in 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), the extension of the trail negotiation period until October 18, 2015, creates a regulatory barrier to consummation of the abandonment, which provides A&F with an additional 60 days to consummate the abandonment to December 17, 2015, 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.

CSXT is e-filing this response. Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions please call or email me.

Sincerely yours,



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