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Mr Vernon A Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W. Room 711
Washington, DC 20423

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Re STB Docket No AB-55 (Sub-No 613x)

Dear Mr Williams

On September 17, 2007, the City of Fultondale, Alabama filed a request to replace Jefferson County, Alabama as the interim trail use proponent for the notice of interim trail use (NITU) for the subject line under the National Trails System Act, 16 U.S.C. 1274(d) (Trails Act), in order to negotiate with CSXT for acquisition of the rights-of-way for use as a trail. In its decision of September 28, 2007, the Surface Transportation Board (STB) agreed to issue the replacement NITU and provided a 180 day period for the City and CSX1 to negotiate an agreement. The prescribed deadline for reaching agreement was March 30, 2008. A second 180 day extension was granted by STB at the City's request on April 2, 2008 extending the negotiation period to September 26, 2008. A third 180 day extension was granted by STB at the City's request on October 1, 2008 extending the negotiation period to March 25, 2009.

The City and CSX1 are still negotiating a Memorandum of Agreement and Purchase Agreement. CSXT has provided the City with a Purchase Sale Agreement and the City has responded on March 17, 2009 with their counter offer.

Both parties are continuing to work diligently and significant progress has been made with the negotiations but we do not anticipate being able to complete our negotiations by the date specified. Therefore, we are writing to request a 180 day extension of the March 25, 2009 deadline.

By copy of this letter, I am requesting CSXT to notify you of CSX1's agreement with the requested extension.

Respectfully submitted,


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