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Honorable Anne K. Quinlan
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, D. C. 20423

RE: Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 699X), *CSX Transportation, Inc.* —
Abandonment Exemption—in McMinn County, Tennessee

Dear Acting Secretary Quinlan:

By letter, dated October 19, 2009, the City of Athens, Tennessee (the “City”) filed a Statement of Willingness to Assume Financial Responsibility for a 0.22-mile rail line on CSX Transportation, Inc.’s (“CSXT”) Southern Region, Huntington - West Division, KD Subdivision, from Railroad Milepost 0KW 333.4 to Railroad Milepost 0KW 333.62, in Athens, McMinn County, Tennessee (the “Line”). CSXT hereby agrees to negotiate interim trail use/rail banking for the Line with the City.

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

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathryn R. Barney". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kathryn R. Barney

cc: Anthony Casteel