

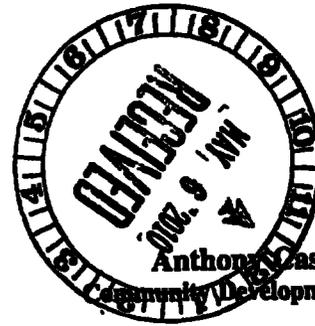
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Honorable Anne K. Quinlan
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: CSX Transportation Abandonment of the Athens Branch in McMinn County, Tennessee, (STB Docket No. AB-55/Sub No. 694X) **699X**

Dear Acting Secretary Quinlan:

I am writing on behalf of the City of Athens located in McMinn County, Tennessee to request a 180 day extension of the deadline for negotiations with CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT"), regarding the Notice of Interim Trail Use in the above captioned proceeding with respect to the 0.22 mile portion of the line ("the Athens Branch") of railroad on CSXT's Southern Region, Huntington - West Division, KD Subdivision, extending from milepost OKW 333.40 to milepost OKW 333.62, in Athens, McMinn County, TN.

Pursuant to the November 12, 2009 decision ("the Decision") of the Surface Transportation Board ("the Board"), an agreement for interim trail use/rail banking expires May 9, 2010 ("Negotiating Deadline").

CSXT is currently conducting an appraisal of the line. We expect to be able to enter negotiations after completion of the appraisal. The City of Athens respectfully requests an extension to November 5, 2010 (180 calendar days for the Negotiating Deadline). CSX Transportation has acknowledged that it concurs with this request and will file a letter of concurrence once it receives a copy of this letter.

In addition, the County respectfully requests a waiver of the Boards filing fees in accordance with 49 CFR 1002.2(eXI).

Sincerely

Anthony Casteel, AICP

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Cc: Bruce McMahon