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## Trails Commission

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September 5, 2018

Surface Transportation Board  
395 East Street S.W.  
Washington, D. C. 20423-0001

Re: Request for 180-day NITU Extension for Negotiations  
TENNESSEE, ALABAMA, AND GEORGIA RAILWAY COMPANY – ABANDONMENT  
EXEMPTION – IN GADSDEN, ETOWAH COUNTY, ALA; docket Number: AB\_290\_335\_x and  
AB\_290\_340\_X

Dear Members of the Surface Transportation Board:

This request is filed by the Alabama Trails Commission on behalf of the City of Gadsden, Alabama, a public entity, hereinafter referred to as the “proponent.” The proponent remains engaged in discussions with Norfolk Southern Railway Company, the Tennessee, Alabama, and Georgia Railway Company, and the Alabama Trails Commission toward the desired outcome for all parties, which is an agreement regarding acquisition and trail use of the like and interconnecting lines owned by the company by the proponent.

The Alabama Trails Commission hereby requests an additional 180-day period effective September 5, 2018 in which to continue negotiations with the Tennessee, Alabama, and Georgia Railway Company, a totally owned subsidiary of Norfolk Southern Railway Company. Norfolk Southern is amenable to this extension and continued negotiations with the Alabama Trails Commission and the City of Gadsden, Alabama. Thank you for your consideration.

By my signature below, I service a copy of this statement upon Norfolk Southern Railway Company by email. This letter will be E-filed by the Alabama Trails Commission on the City of Gadsden's behalf.

Sincerely,



Amy Rauworth  
Chair

Cc Via E-mail:  
Craig Orcutt, Norfolk Southern Railway Company  
Shane Ellison, City of Gadsden  
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