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Chief, Section of Administration
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Surface Transportation Board
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Re: ***CSXT Transportation, Inc. – Abandonment Exemption – in Clark,
Floyd, Lawrence, Orange, & Washington Counties, Ind.,
Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 775X)***

Request for extension of interim trails use negotiation period

Dear Ms. Brown:

The City of New Albany, Indiana (“New Albany”) hereby requests a one-year extension of the interim trails use negotiations period (currently scheduled to expire on February 18, 2019), so that negotiations with CSX Transportation, Inc. (“CSXT”) may continue until February 18, 2021,¹ concerning the right-of-way underlying the railroad line that is the subject of the above-referenced abandonment proceeding, which line extends between Milepost OOO251.7 near Bedford, Indiana, and Milepost OOO314.0 near New Albany, Indiana, a total distance of approximately 62.3 route miles.

New Albany has contacted CSXT’s counsel, and has been informed that CSXT is amenable to the extension.

As a municipal subdivision of the State of Indiana, the filing fee associated with this extension request does not apply to New Albany.

¹ New Albany is aware of forthcoming changes to the Board’s interim trails use procedures, which, as of February 2, 2020, will provide that negotiation period extensions will be granted in one-year intervals (subject to certain limitations). See modification to 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29(d)(1)(ii) as promulgated under *Limiting Extensions of Trails Use Negotiating Periods*, Docket No. EP 749 (Sub-No. 1), *et al.* (STB served Dec. 4, 2019). Because the requested extension would take effect after the change to section 1152.29(d)(1)(iii), New Albany’s request is predicated upon the procedures that will be in effect on February 18, 2020.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R. A. Wimbish". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

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Counsel for the City of New Albany, Indiana

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cc: All parties of record