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Cynthia T. Brown
Chief of the Section of Administration, Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
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Re: **Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 741X), CSX Transportation, Inc.—Abandonment
Exemption—in the Raleigh County, W. Va.**

Dear Ms. Brown:

CSXT Transportation, Inc. (“CSXT”) responds to the letter dated April 18, 2018 by the New River Gorge Regional Development Authority (the “Authority”) in which the Authority seeks an extension of the April 22, 2018 deadline to negotiate interim trail use/rail banking for the approximately 15.12-mile rail line on the Southern Region, Huntington East Division, Big Marsh Fork Subdivision, former Jarrolds Valley Subdivision, between milepost CLP 0.0 and milepost CLP 15.12 near Whitesville, in Raleigh County, WV (the “Line”) that is the subject of the above-referenced abandonment proceeding.

CSXT agrees to the requested one year extension of the interim trails use/rail banking negotiation period until April 22, 2019. CSXT has not consummated abandonment of the Line.

As provided in 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29(e)(2), the extension of the trail negotiation period until April 22, 2019, creates a regulatory barrier to consummation of the abandonment, which provides CSXT with an additional 60 days to consummate the abandonment to June 21, 2019, if trail negotiation is unsuccessful. CSXT respectfully requests that the Board confirm that the extension of the consummation period as provided in the regulations applies in this instance.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely yours,

Louis E. Gitomer

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Cc: Mr. Christian