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Cynthia T. Brown
Chief of the Section of Administration, Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423

Re: **Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 718X), CSX Transportation, Inc.—Abandonment
Exemption—in Alachua County, FL**

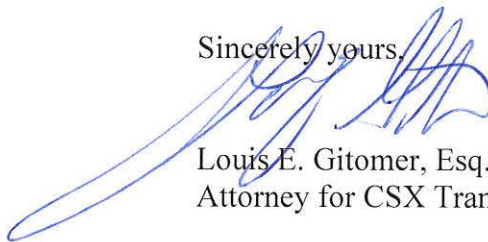
Dear Ms. Brown:

CSX Transportation, Inc. (“CSXT”) agrees to the request in the letter dated July 6, 2018 by Alachua County, FL (“Alachua”) (copy enclosed) seeking a 180-day extension of time from the August 23, 2018 deadline until February 19, 2019 to negotiate interim trail use/railbanking for the approximately 11.62 miles of rail line on Southern Region, Jacksonville Division, West Coast Subdivision, between milepost AR 716.88, at High Springs, and milepost AR 726.69, at Newberry, and milepost ARB 717.11, at High Springs, and milepost ARB 718.92, at High Springs, in Alachua County, FL (the “Line”). 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 February 19, 2019, creates a regulatory barrier to consummation of the abandonment, which provides CSXT with an additional 60 days to consummate the abandonment to April 20, 2019, if trail negotiation is unsuccessful. CSXT respectfully request that the Board confirm that the extension of the consummation period as provided in the regulations applies in this instance.

This letter is being efiled. Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions please call or email me.

Sincerely yours,



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Cc: James K. Harriott, Jr., P.E.



Alachua County **Public Works and Growth Management**

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July 6, 2018

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Re: CSX Railroad Abandonment in Alachua County (STB Docket No. AB-55-718-x)

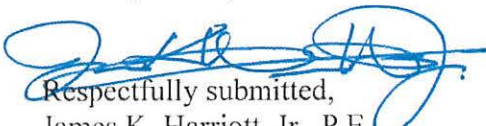
Dear Ms. Brown:

This request is filed on behalf of Alachua County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida. Alachua County requests a 180-day extension of the notice of interim trail use ("NITU") issued by the Surface Transportation Board in this proceeding by decision on February 15, 2018 and served February 16, 2018.

Alachua County and CSX, Inc. continue to work towards a trail use agreement but need additional time to continue and complete negotiations. To successfully preserve this corridor for interim trail use and railbanking it is necessary for the negotiation period under the NITU to be extended. Alachua County respectfully requests an additional 180-day extension to continue negotiations.

As a political subdivision of the State, Alachua County respectfully requests a waiver of the Board's filing fees in accordance with 49 CFR 1002.2(e)(1).

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.


Respectfully submitted,
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Deputy County Manager

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