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RE: Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 726X), *CSX Transportation, Inc.—
Abandonment and Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in the City of
Richmond and Henrico County, VA*
Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 303X), *Norfolk Southern Railway
Company—Abandonment and Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in
the City of Richmond and Henrico County, VA*

Dear Ms. Brown:

CSXT Transportation, Inc. (“CSXT”) responds to the December 12, 2014 letter filing of the Virginia Department of Transportation (“VDOT”) in which VDOT seeks a 180-day extension of time to negotiate interim trail use/rail banking for the 0.650-mile rail line between the boundary line between the City of Richmond and Henrico County to the location on the track approximately 0.650 miles south of the boundary line between the City of Richmond and Henrico County (“Line”) that is the subject of the above-referenced abandonment proceedings.

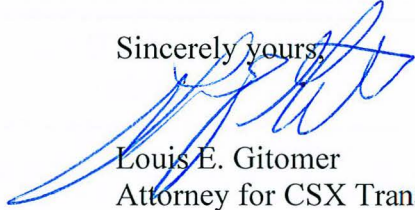
CSXT agrees to the requested extension of the interim trails use/rail banking negotiation period until May 27, 2014. CSXT has not consummated abandonment of the Line.

As provided in 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29(e)(2), the extension of the trail negotiation period until May 27, 2015, creates a regulatory barrier to consummation of the abandonment, which provides CSXT with an additional 60 days to consummate the abandonment to July 26, 2015, 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.

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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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