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Ms. 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. 775X), CSX Transportation, Inc.—
*Abandonment—in Clark, Floyd, Lawrence, Orange, and Washington Counties,
IN***

Dear Ms. Brown,

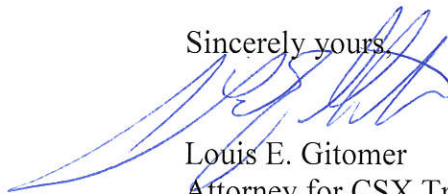
CSXT Transportation, Inc. (“CSXT”) responds to the letter filed on August 17, 2018 by the City of New Albany (“New Albany”) in which New Albany seeks a 180-day extension of time to negotiate interim trail use/rail banking for the approximately 62.3-mile rail line on CSXT’s Northern Region, Louisville Division, Hoosier Subdivision between near Bedford, milepost 00Q251.7, and near New Albany, milepost 00Q314.0, all in Clark, Floyd, Lawrence, Orange, and Washington Counties, IN (the “Line”).

CSXT agrees to the requested extension of the interim trails use/rail banking negotiation period until February 23, 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 February 23, 2019, creates a regulatory barrier to consummation of the abandonment, which provides CSXT with an additional 60 days to consummate the abandonment to April 24, 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 contact me.

Sincerely yours,



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cc: Mr. Wimbish