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Surface Transportation Board
395 East Street S.W.
Washington , D. C. 20423-0001

Re: Request for 180-day NITU Extension for Negotiations
TENNESSEE, ALABAMA, AND GEORGIA RAILWAY COMPANY - ABANDONMENT
EXEMPTION - IN GADSDEN, ETOWAH COUNTY, ALA; docket Number: AB_290_335_x and
AB_290_340_X

Dear Members of the Surface Transportation Board:

This request is filed by the Alabama Trails Commission on behalf of the City of Gadsden, Alabama, a public entity, hereinafter referred to as the "proponent." The proponent remains engaged in discussions with Norfolk Southern Railway Company, the Tennessee, Alabama, and Georgia Railway Company, and the Alabama Trails Commission toward the desired outcome for all parties, which is an agreement regarding acquisition and trail use of the like and interconnecting lines owned by the company by the proponent.

The Alabama Trails Commission hereby requests and additional 180-day period effective September 10, 2017 in which to continue negotiations with the Tennessee, Alabama, and Georgia Railway Company, a totally owned subsidiary of Norfolk Southern Railway Company. Norfolk Southern is amenable to this extension and continued negotiations with the Alabama Trails Commission and the City of Gadsden, Alabama. Thank you for your consideration.

By my signature below, I service a copy of this statement upon Norfolk Southern Railway Company by email. This letter will be E-filed by the Alabama Trails Commission on the City of Gadsden's behalf.

Sincerely,



Amy Rauworth
Chairman

Cc Via E-mail:
Craig Orcutt, Norfolk Southern Railway Company
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