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RE: 1-Year Extension for Interim Trail Use Negotiations  
CSX Abandonment in Raleigh County, West Virginia  
**No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 741X)**

Ms. Brown:

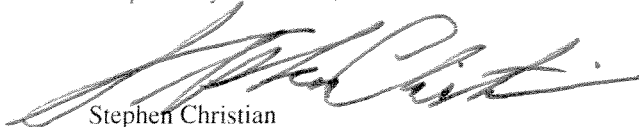
This request is filed by the New River Gorge Regional Development Authority (NRGRDA), the economic development entity for Raleigh County, West Virginia.

- A. CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) filed a verified notice of exemption to abandon an approximate 15.12 mile line of rail in its Southern Region, Huntington East Division, Big Marsh Fork subdivision. The line extends between milepost CLP 0.0 and CLP 15.12 near Whitesville in Raleigh County, West Virginia. Notice of exemption was served and published in the Federal Register on April 2, 2015.
- B. On October 27, 2015, NRGRDA filed a request for Public Use Condition for the line. By order dated November 3, 2015, the Board granted the request to implement interim trail use and to permit public use negotiations as specifically set forth in the order. The interim trail use period is set to expire this month.

NRGRDA requests a 1-year extension of the interim trail use period. Representatives of CSX Transportation have indicated that they will concur with the extension request. We further request a waiver be granted for the filing fee associated with this extension.

By my signature below, I certify service upon CSX, 500 Water Street-J-315, Jacksonville, Florida 32202, by U.S. mail, postage prepaid, first class, on April 17, 2017, and have provided an electronic copy to CSX representatives listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Stephen Christian

cc: Travers Mauldin  
Matt Coffing  
Christine Kinder

**FILING FEE WAIVED**