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

Dear Ms. Brown:

By notice served and published in the Federal Register on December 10, 2013, the Surface Transportation Board (the “Board”) exempted the abandonment of approximately 11.62 miles of rail line on CSX Transportation, Inc.’s (“CSXT”) 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, a High Springs, and milepost ARB 718.92, at High Springs, in Alachua County, Fla. By decision served on April 25, 2014, the Board reopened the proceeding and imposed three environmental conditions. CSXT has not yet consummated abandonment.

The Georgetown and High Line Railway Company, LLC (“GHL”) requests a notice of interim trail use/rail banking over the entire 11.62-mile line between milepost AR 716.88, at High Springs, and milepost AR 726.69, at Newberry, and milepost ARB 717.11, a High Springs, and milepost ARB 718.92, at High Springs, in Alachua County, Fla.

Statement of Willingness to Assume Financial Responsibility

In order to establish interim trail use and rail banking under 16 U.S.C. §1247(d), and 49 CFR §1152.29, GHL is willing to assume full responsibility for management of, for any legal liability arising out of the transfer or use of, and for the payment of any and all taxes that may be levied or assessed against the right-of-way owned by CSXT and operated by CSXT and Florida Northern Railroad Company, Inc. The property extends from railroad milepost AR 716.88, at High Springs, to railroad milepost AR 726.69, at Newberry, and railroad milepost ARB 717.11, a High Springs, and railroad milepost ARB 718.92, at High Springs, a distance of approximately 11.62 miles in Alachua County, Fla.

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A map depicting the right-of-way-is attached.

GHL acknowledges that use of the right-of-way is subject to the user's continuing to meet its responsibilities described above and subject to possible future reconstruction and reactivation of the right-of-way for rail service.

By my signature below, I certify service upon CSX Transportation, Inc.

This letter is being efiled. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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