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Re: The Alabama Great Southern Railroad Company – Abandonment Exemption – In Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, AB-290 (Sub-No. 335X)

Dear Ms. Brown:

On February 19, 2020, the City of Gadsden, Alabama (“City”) a government agency interested in transportation, hereinafter referred to as “City” or “Proponent,” requested an additional one-year extension¹ to wrap up NITU negotiations and afford the City the time necessary to go to settlement with The Alabama Great Southern Railroad Company (“AGS”) on the City’s acquisition of a 3.1-mile AGS segment, which extends between milepost 2.40 AG (near Cabot Ave) and milepost 5.50 AG (near the intersection of River and Coosa Streets) (“AGS Segment”)² because the City believed that it would not be able to go to settlement prior to the February 27, 2020 NITU deadline.³ Fortunately, the City was able to complete its final due diligence preparations quicker than anticipated. Today, the City and AGS went to settlement and finalized the Trails Use Agreement for the AGS Segment, which AGS will jointly file on behalf of the parties shortly. As such, the City is writing to withdraw its request for an extension

¹ The Notice of Interim Trail Use (“NITU”) in place in this proceeding was established by the Board in a decision served April 3, 2013. See The Alabama Great Southern Railroad Company – Abandonment Exemption – In Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, AB-290 (Sub-No. 335X); Tennessee, Alabama, and Georgia Railway Company – Abandonment Exemption – In Gadsden, Etowah County, AL, AB-290 (Sub-No. 340X) (STB served April 3, 2013).

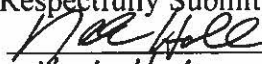
² On the same day, AGS consented to the City’s request for an extension.

³ See The Alabama Great Southern Railroad Company – Abandonment Exemption – In Gadsden, Etowah County, ALA, AB-290 (Sub-No. 335X); Tennessee, Alabama, and Georgia Railway Company – Abandonment Exemption – In Gadsden, Etowah County, ALA, AB-290 (Sub-No 340X) (STB served Sept. 25, 2019).

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By my signature below, I have served a copy of this statement upon AGS by email..
Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

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cc: Parties of Record