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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
Chief of the Section of Administration, Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
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RE: **STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 691X), CSX Transportation, Inc. –
*Abandonment Exemption –in Worcester County, MA***

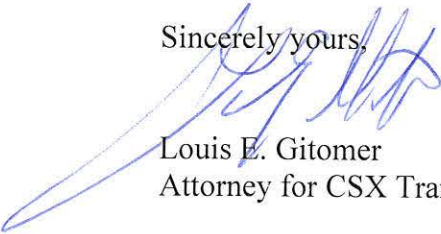
Dear Ms. Brown:

By letter filed February 14, 2017, the Georgetown and High Line Railway Company, LLC (“GHLR”) requested the Surface Transportation Board to extend the time period for GHLR to negotiate interim trail use/rail banking with CSX Transportation, Inc. (“CSXT”) for the 4.2-mile rail line between QBU 0.0 (Fitchburg) and milepost QBU 4.2 (Leominster), in Worcester County, MA (the “Line”) for one year until December 27, 2017. CSXT has not consummated the abandonment.

By this letter, CSXT notifies the Board that it agrees to the one-year extension of the negotiation period requested by GHLR. As provided in 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), the extension of the trail negotiation period until December 27, 2017, creates a regulatory barrier to consummation of the abandonment, which provides CSXT with an additional 60 days to consummate the abandonment to February 25, 2018, if trail negotiation is unsuccessful. CSXT respectfully requests that the Board confirm that the extension of the consummation period as provided in the regulations applies in this instance.

CSXT is efilings this letter. Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions please contact me.

Sincerely yours,



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Cc: Ms. Yasbin