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Surface Transportation Board  
395 East Street S.W.  
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Re: Request for 180-day NITU Extension for Negotiations  
ALABAMA GREAT SOUTHERN RAILROAD 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 has entered into a purchase agreement with the Alabama Great Southern Railroad Company (a wholly owned subsidiary of Norfolk Southern Railway Company) to acquire the subject corridor and is completing due diligence tasks in advance of closing. It is the desire of the proponent, Norfolk Southern Railway Company, Alabama Great Southern Railroad Company, and the Alabama Trails Commission to continue to work toward the desired outcome for all parties, which is preservation of the corridor and interim trail use of the like.

Therefore, the Alabama Trails Commission hereby requests and additional 180-day period effective August 31, 2019, during which time the Proponent can complete its due diligence tasks and close the transaction. Norfolk Southern is amenable to this extension. 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  
Chair

Cc Via E-mail:  
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