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## **Via E-Filing**

Cynthia T. Brown, Chief  
Section of Administration, Office of Proceedings  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 E Street, SW  
Washington DC 20423-0001

Re: The Alabama Great Southern Railroad Company – Abandonment Exemption – In Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, AB-290 (Sub-No. 335X);  
and Tennessee, Alabama and Georgia Railway Company– Abandonment Exemption – In Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, AB-290 (Sub-No. 340X)

Dear Ms. Brown:

Per a letter entered into the Board's record on March 10, 2017, the Alabama Trails Commission on behalf of the City of Gadsden ("City") requested that the Board extend the period of time allowed for the parties to negotiate interim trail use/rail banking ("NITU") in the above-captioned proceedings.<sup>1</sup> The Alabama Great Southern Railroad Company and Tennessee, Alabama, and Georgia Railway Company hereby notify the Board that they have not yet consummated the abandonment and desire to consent to the City's request for an 180-day extension of the negotiation period for a possible interim trails use arrangement on the lines that are the subject of the above-referenced proceedings.

Sincerely,



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Attorney for The Alabama Great Southern Railroad  
Company and Tennessee, Alabama, and Georgia  
Railway Company

cc: All parties of record  
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<sup>1</sup> Per the Board's stamp decision served September 28, 2016, the NITU period currently expires on March 14, 2017.