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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
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Re: **Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 775X), CSX Transportation, Inc.—Abandonment
Exemption—in Clark, Floyd, Lawrence, Orange, and Washington Counties,
Ind.**

Dear Ms. Brown:

CSXT Transportation, Inc. (“CSXT”) responds to the letter filed on August 7, 2019, by The City of New Albany, Indiana (“New Albany”) in which New Albany seeks a 180-day extension of time from August 22, 2019 until February 18, 2020 to negotiate interim trail use/rail banking for the approximately 62.3-mile rail line on CSXT’s Northern Region, Louisville Division, Hoosier Subdivision between near Bedford, milepost 00Q251.7, and near New Albany, milepost 00Q314.0, all in Clark, Floyd, Lawrence, Orange, and Washington Counties, IN.

CSXT agrees to the requested extension of the interim trails use/rail banking negotiation period until February 18, 2020. CSXT has not consummated abandonment of the Line.

As provided in 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29(e)(2), the extension of the trail negotiation period until February 18, 2020, creates a regulatory barrier to consummation of the abandonment, which provides CSXT with an additional 60 days to consummate the abandonment to April 18, 2020, if trail negotiation is unsuccessful. CSXT respectfully request that the Board confirm that the extension of the consummation period as provided in the regulations applies in this instance.

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I certify that I have this day served copies of this document upon all parties of record in this proceeding, by email or first class mail, postage prepaid.

This letter is being efiled. Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions please call or email me.

Sincerely yours,

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