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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
Chief of the Section of Administration, Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D. C. 20423

RE: Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 793X) *CSX Transportation, Inc.—
Abandonment Exemption—in Allegheny County, PA*

Dear Ms. Brown:

GHL respectfully submits this late filed request for an extension of the NITU negotiating period until August 9, 2023, four years from the initial issuance of a Notice of Interim Trail Use (“NITU”) in this proceeding.

On June 21, 2019, CSX Transportation, Inc. (“CSXT”) filed a Notice of Exemption with the Surface Transportation Board (the “Board”) to abandon an approximately 0.85-mile rail line on the River Branch, Baltimore Division, P&W Subdivision between Val. Sta. 40+75 and Val. Sta. 85+76, the end of the line, in Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, PA (the “Line”). By decision served on August 9, 2019, the Board granted a Notice of Interim Trail Use request filed by the City of Pittsburgh. Through various extensions, the negotiating period was extended to February 5, 2022. On January 28, 2022, CSXT filed a letter with the Board terminating trail use negotiations.

On January 31, 2022, the Georgetown and High Line Railway Company, LLC (“GHL”) filed a request for a NITU. CSXT agreed to the request. On March 10, 2022, the Board served an NITU authorizing negotiations between GHL and CSXT for one year ending March 10, 2023.

GHL and CSXT have continued to negotiate during this time and even though they have made progress, they have not reached a final agreement. CSXT has not yet consummated abandonment of the Line.

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GHL is efileing this request for an extension of the negotiating period. The filing fee of \$550.00 has been paid via pay.gov.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Respectfully submitted,



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